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Bosses and unions in joint protest

## **Budget lorry** tax threatens 50,000 jobs

BRITISH industry today delivers a severe post-Budget warning to the Government that its could cost 50,000 jobs in three years and drive haulage com-

In a challenge to Labour's pro-business credentials, the country's leading industrial organisations have combined to condemn Gordon Brown's big increases in fuel costs and taxes on commercial vehicles.

The CBI, British Chambers of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses, National Farmers Union, Freight Transport Association. Road Haulage Association and the United Road Transport Union, which represents lorry drivers. have written to The Times saying that current taxation policy will result in more job losses than if the Rover plant at Longbridge were to close. They warn the Chancellor that his Budget will damage indus-

try's ability to compete. Their unprecedented move comes amid signs that hundreds of lorry firms are considering moving their fleets to the Continent because of the growing gap in taxation levels between the United Kingdom and the rest of the European

The Times has learnt that Eddie Stobart, Britain's biggest private haulier, is threatening to register half his NO-strong fleet in Belgium or Luxembourg, a move that could save the Carlisle-based firm up to £2 million a year.

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He has already registered some lorries in Holland.

The latest tax rises make large-scale overseas registration a realistic prospect for the first time. The annual cost of taxing a lorry increased by £2.500 to £5,750 in last week's Budget and is well over twice the next highest figure, charged in Austria, and 12 times the cost in France. In Portugal, the cheapest EU country, the cost of taxing a stand-ard lorry is only £308 a year.

In addition, the escalating cost of diesel has meant that filling up a lorry now costs £300 more in Britain than in France. Hauliers claim that the Treasury loses £400 million a year because lorry drivers fill up at overseas ports rather than in Britain.

The Road Haulage Association (RHA) has been deluged with queries from hundreds of operators asking for information on how to "flag out" all or part of their lorry fleets to the Continent. While Mr Brown made Budget concessions for light vans, the diesel duty increase lifts the pump price from 64p to 70.6p a litre.

In their letter, the business organisations say that diesel prices in Britain are already iwice as high as the highest in Europe. With vehicle excise duty II times higher in Britain than France "it is not surprising that hundreds of transport operators are actively seeking to register their vehicles

And they warn that recent statistics show that a total of 53,000 jobs will disappear from the transport and related industries by 2002 unless current policies are changed.

Hauliers' leaders have also alerted ministers to the huge growth in the number of overseas lorries now operating in Britain, partly because French drivers can buy enough cheap fuel to undercut the prices

charged by their British rivals. The most recent figures show 690,000 overseas lorries entering Britain in the year to September 1998, compared to 484.000 in 1996.

Senior haulage industry figures admit that overseas regis tration has some pitfalls and may not suit all companies. Additional local taxes and compulsory overseas insurance can add substantially to costs. Geoff Dossetter, of the Freight Transport Association, said: It won't suit everyone but, although hauliers have often talked about this in the past, we are now seeing a

lot of people actually making serious inquiries." Steve Norris, the former Tory Transport Minister and director general of the RHA. said vesterday: "The cost of taxing the big 40-tonne, five-axle lorries is £476 in France. Here it costs £5,750. That is ridiculous. The Government must review its taxation policies because they are damaging

in another letter to The Times today Bernard Jenkin. the Shadow Transport Minister, says that lorries registered in the UK are completely uncompetitive with their EU counterparts. Registering 50 lorries abroad would save an operator hundreds of thousands of pounds a year, Mr

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## Girl found strangled in woods after sex assault

By WARWICK MANSELL

THE distraught parents of a murdered 17-yearold beautician, whose body was discovered in woodland on the edge of a Leicestershire village, spoke last night of the loss of a "wonder-

Police believe Rebecca Groves was sexually assaulted and strangled as she walked home from a pub in the village of Thringstone, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, after a night out on Friday. Her body was found dumped in woods known locally as "Spooky Forest", half a mile from the road along which she would have

walked. A post-mortem examination showed ev-

idence of sexual assault, and that death was by

asphyxiation.
Miss Groves's stepfather, John Murphy, and her mother Alison were too distressed to talk in public but spoke of their grief in a statement released through Leicestershire police.

"We have not yet even begun to understand what has happened or why," they said. "Rebecca was a wonderful young woman who had her

#### Rebecca's last walk.....

whole life in front of her. Right now the family needs time to be together and to comfort and support each other."

Police said Miss Groves may have known the killer and residents have spoken of their con-cern that the murderer could be living among

Yesterday detectives combed the wood and carried out house-to-house inquiries. An incident room was set up at Loughborough police Detective Superintendent Graham Thomas,

leading the investigation, said: "Her death is a tragedy and our hearts go out to family and friends. Anyone who thinks they can help to find who is responsible must come forward."

Miss Groves had a large circle of friends and there was a genuine sense of shock throughout the village last night. Prayers were said yesterday morning at the village church for the teenager, who one friend said had dreamt of work-

ing on a cruise ship.

Janet Cufflin, a resident, said: "The whole village is devastated. We cannot believe what has happened. My granddaughter said she has had an ache in her heart about what has happened.

"You don't expect this in a village like this one. The only thing you can do for the family is

Last night, a 20-year-old man was helping police with their inquiries at the Loughborough po-

## Judges give the noble art a black eye

FROM JAMES BONE

THE decision in America was unanimous: the sport of boxing suffered a big black eye. American commentators vesterday joined the thousands of British fans who made the trip to New York in denouncing the inexplicable draw declared hetween Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield.

A celebrity-studded crowd. including Keith Richards, Spike Lee, Jack Nicholson, Michael Douglas, Michael J. Fox, Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew Broderick, Donald Trump and John F. Kennedy Jr. icered as the third judge. Larry O' Connell of Britain, failed to give Lewis the win. Both New York tabloids agreed in front-page headlines that Lewis was robbed, a sentiment that was echoed throughout the American press.

der Holyfield from here to Lon-don -- with stopoffs in Jamaica and Canada along the way and back again, " wrote Wallace Manhews, boxing correspondent of the New York

They robbed Lennox Lewis of the championship he won in the ring," wrote Tony Kornheiser of the Washington Post. They damaged the sport they love. They called a fight a draw when it had been no such thing. It was like Three Blind Mice were scoring. Two Blind Mice anyway." Even the staid New York

Times the decision resembled "a Brinks truck heist perpetrated in front of 21,284" fans. Computer statistics showed the fight was not even close. Spike Lee, the Hollywood director, said: "Evander is my man but Lewis won that

Lewis landed 348 of his 613 punches, or 57 per cent, while



the judge from the Lewis-Holyfield fight

Holyfield connected with only 130 of his 385 attempts, or 34 per cent. The Associated Press scored the march 117-111 to Lewis, as did the veteran referee Harold Lederman, who was keeping score for the American pay-per-view TV audience estimated at 1.1-1.4 million homes.

But Eugenia Williams, the American judge who gave the match 115-113 to Holyfield, said: "I scored by the blows that connected. I do not have the privilege of the box stats. I did a round-by-round." Ray Jones Jr. the World Box-

ing Association and World

Boxing Council's light heavyweight champion, commentatashamed by the decision. The result provoked immediate calls for a federal investigation and new government controls on the sport, with many questioning the role of the veteran promoter Don King. The appeals for reform will not be iost on one member of the audience. Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona, who once made an effort to regulate boxing.

"In my opinion, I thought Lennox Lewis won the fight,"

the former New York Senator

Alfonse D'Amato said. Outside Madison Square Garden, even Americans who had been cheering for Holyfield said Lewis had been cheated of victory. "He got that special American shaft, the one with the flag wrapped around it," explained Reg Bullock, a New York lawyer who watched the fight.

The 8,000 British fans who travelled to New York kept their heads on their shoulders and did not try to replay the fight outside the arena.

What impressed me is the English," said Alan Isherwood, who made the trip from Woodford, Essex. "They have come here. They have been completely ripped off, and have turned the other cheek."

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### £200m Longbridge deal

The Government will tomorrow offer BMW, the German car maker, a deal to save Rover's Longbridge plant and up to 10,000 jobs. Stephen Byers, the Trade Secretary, will tell the management that £200 million in aid is available but that this must be matched by an investment of up to £1 billion to bring about increased efficiency. Mr Byers will propose that some of the money will be dependent on the firm showing that its productivity is increasing \_\_\_\_\_Page 48

#### Latontaine blames Right

The former German Finance Minister Oskar Lafontaine broke his silence since resigning and accused Gerhard Schröder's team of letting him down. He told the Social Democratic Party not to swerve to the right: "The heart is not yet traded on the stock exchange. It has a home, and it beats on the left." He felt that the Chancellor was making too many concessions to big business.....

### Kosovo's deadly peace

Kosovo suffered its worst weekend of violence since the Paris peace talks began. Three bomb attacks, one in a marketplace, left seven people dead and 58 wounded and Serb artillery devastated ethnic Albanian villages. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said that the talks, which resume today, must produce a quick result and they could be wound up within a week if there was no agreement ....... Page 12



(REPEATED 6:30PM ON ITV)

## Blair is warned of looming electoral rout

warned that thousands of Labour seats are at risk in the looming round of elections because the party's machine is

not geared up for the fight. Mr Blair is said to be concerned at the extent to which the operation at Millbank Temer, the party's headquarters, is being criticised by Labour can-

Euro MPs have complained that the campaign for the June. European elections is not up to scratch, Candidates standing for the Scottish and Welsh acsembly elections have voiced similar complaints, with the MP describing the election preparations as "shambolic"

Concern centres on the fact, darrage of money and manpower o mipared with the general electronnumber of staff at Millbank to down by nearly a third area. party finances are in the rec-

The local, European, No. tish and Welsh election to May and June present the idea gest challenge so far for Mar-garet McDonagh, who test over as Labour's general section tary six months ago. In country elections alone. Mr Blair ball been warned, the party cours lose up to 2,400 of its 6,000 seats if by-election trends or ... the past 12 months hold up.

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the 130 staff still at Millbank say the candidates' complaints reflect the impossibility of recreating a general election atmosphere in mid-term.

However, MPs are raising serious concerns about the readiness of the campaign. questioning the party's pres-ence on the ground. "We are just not getting our message across effectively to our own supporters, let alone the public," said one.

Another warned: "We will pay a price. Call it a bloody nose or whatever, but we have not got a Rolls-Royce machine any more.

Ms McDonagh has a reputation as a fearsome organiser, but has been accused of lacking "people management skills", and of being out of touch with the political world outside Millbank. Her team will shortly be

beefed up by the arrival of Phil Murphy as a new assistant general secretary in charge of communications. Mr Mur-phy, a former Westminster journalist, is currently serving out his notice as director of communications at the Arts Council.

When he arrives next month to take up a post that has been vacant since last summer, the party will be just weeks away from the biggest mid-term test

Thai massage parlour in Kingsley Park Terrace at the

end of November ... There

was a male person on the

premises, who was commit-

Police are still carrying out inquiries into the parlour and

five Thai women are on police

bail. Twelve Thai women were

taken into custody and seven

deported after the raid. The seven were found to be illegal

immigrants or had overstayed

ting no criminal offence."



Ulrika Jonnson and her son Cameron arriving in Leicester Square vesterday for the premiere of The Rugrats Movie

## Major backs Hague over euro in struggle for unity

By JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR made a rare return to frontline politics yesterday to throw his support behind William Hague's opposi-tion to the euro. The former Prime Minister said that he would yets against the euro if a referendum were held now

or in a few years' time.

Mr Hague also won a welcome filip when Michael Heschine made what effectively amounted to a pledge of loyalty to the Tory leader. Senior Tory sources recently warned that pro-Europeans such as the former Deputy Prime Minister would face expulsion from the party if they stepped out of line on Europe, but Mr Heselting went out of his way at the weekend to denounce publicly two MEPs who recently left the Tory party and set

EMU BACKERS READY FOR BIG PUSH

Supporters of the European single currency will today fire the first shots in what will be effectively the start of a three-year referendum campaign to take Britain into the euro. A cross-party group of businessmen, politicians and trade unionists will launch Britain in Europe, a new unibrella group pushing for early entry into euroland.

The group, headed by Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge, chairman of British Airways. is lined up against many unco-ordinated anti-single-currency bodies which have not yet decided if and how they should form a single grouping. Britain in Europe's board includes Lord Hollick, chairman of United News and Media. Giles Radice, MP, of the European Movement, Colin Sharman, of KPMG Interna-tional, and Menzies Campbell for the Liberal Democrats.

up their own Pro-Euro Conservative Party. And although Mr Hague denied that there was any formal truce, he said yesterday that there was now "mutual respect" between him and the pro-European wing of his party.

In an interview with the BBC's Breakfast with Frost programme. Mr Major said: "I would not go into the euro at the moment. I would vote No. If there was a referendum in the next few years. I would certainly vote No to abolishing sterling and entering into the

Mr Heseltine, speaking at a fringe meeting of the Tory parny's spring forum in Reading, said it was the "height of folly" for the MEPs John Stevens

up a breakaway pro-euro party. He said that he "deplored" the decision and dismissed speakers urging him to vote for the new group.
"I do not believe that weak-

ening the Conservative Party advances the prospect of power for that party." he said. "I believe that great political parties are coalitions of many views and traditions. It is incumbent on those who hold deep views to express them within the great force that is the Conservative Party."

But Mr Stevens, speaking on ITV's Sunday programme. insisted that voters must be given the opportunity to vote for a pro-European Tory party. He said: "There is no prospect of unity on the centre-right of British politics until the issue of Europe is resolved and that will come in a referendum on the single currency." Mr Hague told BBCI's On

the Record that pro-European MPs such as lan Taylor and David Curry should not be "driven out of the Conservative Party". He said: "Those people are Conservatives and the Conservative Party is going to remain a broad church. People are allowed to be Conservatives without agreeing with 100 per cent of the poli-cies. But the party's policy on this is clear."

Mr Major's remarks over Europe - pre-recorded last Thursday - were overshadowed by reports that he was angry at Mr Hague's repeated criticism of the party's record. Mr Hague told Tories in Reading that the party should admit to past mistakes so it can focus on the future and stop Labour reminding voters about past Tory administrations. He insisted this was not being "disloyal" to past leaders.

But a senior Tory said that Mr Major was "offended by these non-stop apologies. And Alan Clark, Tory MP for Kensington and Chelsea, told Sunday: "I don't feel at all comfortable with the way he's attacking his immediate predecessors. He may disclaim this but in fact the criticisms were levelled at Mrs Thatcher and John Major."

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Gene food firms agree 'voluntary' crop delays

coming!

The Government and the biotechnology industry are on the brink of an agreement that will prevent genetically modified crops being planted in Britain at least until the year 2002.

The decision will be hailed as a "voluntary" deal by ministers when it is unveiled shortly. Tony Blair, who has publicly backed the benefits of GM crops, does not want to be seen to be forcing the industry to take decisions and there will be no government ban. But, according to informed sources, it will amount to an acceptance by industry that that there was little chance of getting the go-ahead to plant crops in the current sensitive climate over GM foods

A three-year delay would be in line with the stance of Eng-lish Nature, the Government's wildlife advisory body, which has said there should be a moratorium until more data is available.

#### Balloon record

Brian Jones, 51, from Wilt-shire, and Bertrand Piccard, 41, from Switzerland, the pilots of the balloon Breitling Orbiter 3, last night broke the 14.235-mile distance record for an unfuelled non-stop flight. They were next hoping to join a jet-stream near Hawaii in their attempt to be the first round the world.

#### Man and son die

A father who separated from his wife two weeks ago was found dead with his two-yearold son after telling his parents they were going to the seaside. The bodies of Richard Brinnen, 26, and his son Daniel were discovered in a fumefilled car in the garage of Mr Brinnen's parents' home in Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.

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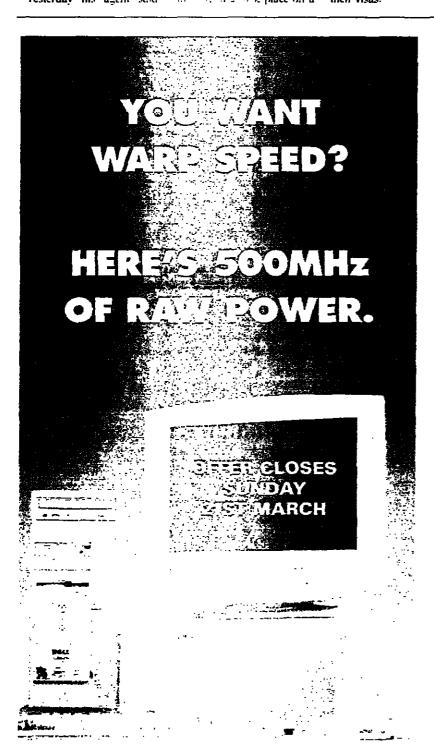
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#### Royal aide quits

A secretary in the Prince of Wales's office resigned after allegations of sexual harass ment against one of his aides. Juliet Franks left because she was unhappy at the handling of her complaints against his assistant private secretary, Nick Archer, who is with the Prince in the Falklands. Prince's homage, page 6

Bronze Age find

Beachcombers at Spurn Point, East Yorkshire, have found a piece of wood that experts say belonged to a 4,000-year-old Bronze Age plank boat. Robert Van de Noort, an archaeologist from Hull University, said: "This coastal find supports evidence that this kind of boat was used for inter-continental trading."



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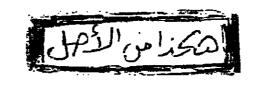


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## Community in grief at girl's murder

Police fear teenager was killed after accepting lift on her way home from pub, reports Warwick Mansell

A RURAL community was in a state of shock yesterday after a 17-year-old student was murdered as she walked home from a night out at a pub.

Police discovered the body of Rebecca Groves in Charnwood Forest, a beauty spot known locally as Spooky Forest, on the edge of the village of Thringstone, near Ashby de la

Zouch, Leicestershire. Miss Groves had spent Friday evening with a girlfriend and her friend's boyfriend, in the village's Hare and Hounds pub. She was last seen alive at 11.20pm, leaving by foot to make the 1/2-mile trip to her parents' terraced house in the village, despite pouring rain.

But she never arrived home. Her anxious mother. Alison, and stepfather. John Murphy. contacted the police after conducting their own frantic search for Miss Groves, a hair-and-beauty student at nearby Coalville Technology

found her body dumped half a mile from the lane she would have used to get home, at 6.30am on Satur-

day. The road has fields on one side and houses on the oth-er. The teenager had been sex-

ually assaulted and strangled. Yesterday police were looking into the possibility Miss Groves could have known her

Detective Superintendent

She was a pleasant girl. Her parents were strict about her getting home?

Graham Thomas, leading the investigation, said: "One of the possibilities is that she was of-fered a lift by someone. We cannot say whether she knew the attacker, but she was not the kind of girl to accept a lift know." The fact it was raining

heavily at the time may also have tempted her to accept a lift, he added.

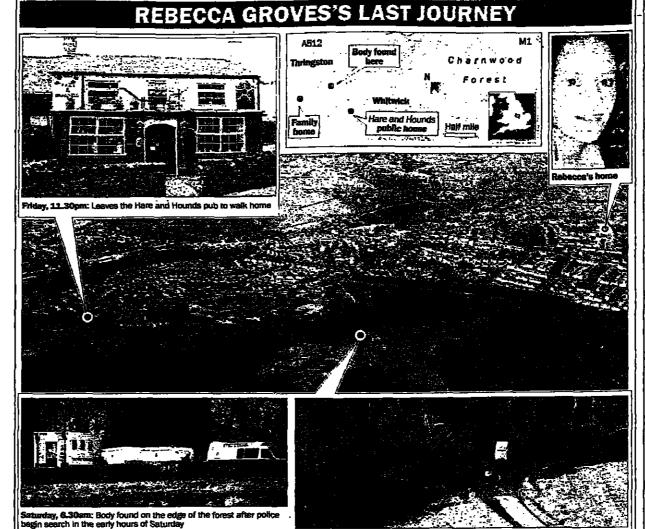
He added: "Her death is a tragedy and our hearts go out to family and friends. Anyone who thinks they can help find who is responsible must come forward now."

Mr Thomas added that the body was found just yards into the woodland near a lay-by on the fringes of Thringstone.

Police teams, including a helicopter, searched the woods yesterday, and carried out house-to-house inquiries. Customers who were at the pub on Friday night were questioned, and an incident room set up at Loughborough police station.
As Mrs Groves spoke of her

grief in a statement last night, police said her daughter's natural father. Paul Groves, had been informed of her death. Alwyn Hill, who runs the

Hare and Hounds pub. which had been hosting a 40th birthday party on Friday night. "The whole village is in shock. No one can believe this has happened on our own doorstep, and for all I know I



may have served the killer. It is horrific.

The young girl was in here on Friday night — she had arranged to meet her friend in here - but said she was running late. The place was packed, and there were about 30 strangers. She was not in here long. She was a very pleasant, well-mannered girl and her parents were strict about her getting home by 11pm. I got woken in the early hours be-

cause her parents were look-

ng for her. Agnes Smith, who represents Thringstone on the district council, said: "People are worried about their families. I know that one man is not letting his daughter out of his sight, and others are worried about their children. It's an anxious time for everyone."

A 16-year-old schoolgirl said: "I don't know why Rebecca would have gone to the

wood, as we know it as Spooky Forest, it looks so scary. It's very dense, and there are rocky outcrops that you can im-

agine people hiding behind." Rebecca's friend, Mark Ferguson, 17, said: "She was a really nice girl and very popular in the village. She was always very polite and took time out to talk to people. It is absolutely

is such a tragic waste. Prayers were said for Miss

Groves at St Andrew's, the village church. The vicar, the Rev Ken Watson, said: "We should pray for the family today. I know we will want to support

the family in any way we can."

Another friend of Miss Groves said: "She wanted to be a hairdresser and dreamed working on a cruise ship. It's hard to believe she's dead."

Last night police said that a man aged 20 was being held in connection with the death.

## Boy dies in freak model plane accident

By CHRISTINE MIDDAY

AN II-YEAR-OLD boy was killed by a model aeroplane yesterday as he and his father watched a club

display. Witnesses said the plane dived out of the sky and hit the boy in the back of the head, throwing him lor-

The accident happened at a private model acroplane club in Colney Heath, Hertfordshire.

It is understood to have been the first time the father and son had visited the site. Inspector Tony Scott, speaking from the scene, said the boy's father had wanted to become a club member. "The pair had been watching the air display from a designated safe zone which is cor-

doned off with cones. "When the emergency services got here, the boy was already dead. His father was extremely traumatised and cradling his dead son in his arms," he said.

Robert Drury, a neighbour and remote control aeroplane enthusiast, said: Those aeroplanes are lethal weapons. They come flying down from 1,000ft with engines spinning at 12,000 revs a minute.

However, he added that accidents were rare and that clubs enforced smich safety rules and had designated flying areas.

About an hour before the accident, a group of people had been asked to leave the dub. Andrew Homeyard. 27, said: "We were politely asked to move back to the car park because as nonmembers we were not covered by the club's insurance. There are loads of signs warning people

about the model planes." Graham Lynn. MBE. the general secretary of the British Model Flying Association, said an inquiry would be held into the accident. Police were last night questioning the shocked controller of the plane.

## Computer retailers 'snub women's buying power'

By Alexandra Frean SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

COMPUTER showrooms are dominated by a macho culture that patronises women and ignores their growing purchasing power, a new

Condescending attitudes towards female customers are common in or stores that sell information technology products and services, such as personal computers, Internet access and mobile telephones.

The study, conducted by the public relations company Cohn &

Wolfe, also found that IT advertising and marketing fail to take advantage of the growing number of computer-literate "techno-femmes"

James Murphy, the author of the study, said that while some computer and mobile telephone companies had tried to appeal to women by changing the design or colour of their products, such a superficial approach would lead only to short-

He cites the case of the Apple iMac in 1998, a personal computer with a new, curvy design, which was advertised with the slogan 'Chic. Not geek".

"How does that help the women who say they would like to improve their hi-tech skills and learn more about the new communication technologies?" he asked.

Mr Murphy said that IT companies were losing a valuable segment of the market by failing to address the needs of women, many of whom need new technology to help them juggle the demands of their work and home lives.

There is very little evidence that women's social progress and professional success is being actively rec-ognised in the marketing used to sell technology," he said.

A Gallup poll conducted for the study suggests that the perception of men as being interested in how technological products work and of women as being interested only in aesthetics, was wrong.

It found that 30 per cent of women and 27 per cent of men were very interested in all the specific details when buying a personal computer. When it came to buying Internet access, the figures were 18 per cent for men and 16 per cent for women. But

when asked how confident they felt when buying such products, 19 per . cent of men said they were very confident, compared to just eight per

cent of women. Mr Murphy said that the relative lack of confidence of women was due in part to the fact that IT sales people were less sensitive to their

"There is no doubt that women with jobs are still doing more household tasks than men. The New Man was a myth that lasted about ten minutes. IT companies should connect with this reality of women's

Sarah Woodbridge, a spokesper-son for Cyberia, which runs eight Internet cafes, said that there was no evidence to suggest that women knew less about computers than

Ms Woodbridge said that 45 per cent of customers at the company's cafes were women.

When I am with clients, they will often turn to my male colleagues to ask a computer question. whereas I am the one that actually knows the answers," she said.

## BT faces suit for mobile phone 'brain damage'

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

A FORMER British Telecom engineer is planning to sue the company over brain damage that he claims was caused by using mobile telephones. Stephen Corney, 39, said yes-

terday that he believed his short-term memory loss was linked to the use of mobile Mohones for hours at a time during his job. He left BT last summer and

compile medical and scientific evidence to back his case. They plan to seek more than £100,000 in damages. Mr Corney worked for BT from 1986 until 1996, when he left on sick leave. He said that after using digital mobile telephones he felt as if there was a steel band round my head

and the longer I stayed on the phone the tighter it got", and that the area around his ear would heat up. He said that he had an itch in his car that felt like a trapped insect, and that after using the mobile telephone he

often felt "punch drunk". Mr Corney, who lives in Bedfordshire with his partner and their three children, said: When I was first off work I would go shopping and I Avoid go shopping and I joved life and enjoyed his job. Now he gets very frustrated because he is unable to do the



Mr Corney blames his memory loss on mobile telephones

shopping in the boot of the car, get into the car and see the list and not realise I had already done it and so I would go back and do the shopping again.

"I tried fixing my washing machine, which took ten weeks to fix and should have taken half an hour - and that was working on it all day, every day.
"When I was first off work I

was in a bad state and I knew something had gone wrong in my head. I was scared." Mr Corney's partner Lisa Hutchings, said: "He was a very outgoing person with a good sense of humour and ensimplest of tasks." Ms Hutchings said that his condition had improved since he had left

Mr Corney's lawyer, Tom Jones of Thompson's Solici-tors, said: "I have every belief that Stephen has gone through something which has been

caused by mobile phones."

The evidence linking mobile phones to memory loss is confusing. Dr Henry Lai, of the University of Washington in Seattle, found in studies on rats that short-term use could stimulate the production of the brain chemical acetylcholine, which is important for memory, but that sustained use suppresses it, causing the memory to deteriorate.

### Climber killed in Ben Nevis avalanche

By JASON ALLARDYCE

NEW avalanche warnings were issued in the Scottish Highlands last night after an-

other man died on Ben Nevis. The Northern Constabulary named the dead climber as Charles Connor, 23, from Bangor, Co Down, in Northern Ireland. He was a student living in Edinburgh.

His body was recovered from a gully close to the mountain summit by rescue teams from Lochaber and RAF Kinloss after an avalanche on

His fellow climber, Katie Carr, 23, also from Edin-burgh, was last night in a "serious but stable condition" after being airlifted to Belford Hospital in Fort William. She suffered head and neck injuries. Last December four people were killed in an avalanche in

nearby Aonach Mor. Police said the danger of avalanches in certain areas of the Highlands yesterday was considerable. "We have had avalanche warnings in the region over the last three or four days and at this time of year it is not uncommon," a police spokes-

The Scottish Avalanche Information Centre also said there was a risk across the Highlands.

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## 'Toy' helicopter to seek landmines

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

small enough to fit inside the boot of a car could soon be clearing minefields

without putting human lives at risk. Equipped with highly-sensitive detecting equipment, the helicopter was developed by a British engineer and has successfully located hidden anti-personnel devices in recent trials. In a couple of wecks, the helicopter will be fitted with artificial intelligence so it will be able to carry out tasks and return to base with-

out the need of a human operator. Every week mines kill or maim an estimated 550 people in the Third World. The task of finding and disarm-

A REMOTE-controlled helicopter ing the devices has claimed the lives of many highly-trained mine clearance

> The Nitrohawk, which has a speed up to 156mph, is fitted with a device capable of detecting modern plastic mines, as well as cameras and a "sniffer" which tells the difference between liquids such as water and petrol. It can hover a couple of feet above a suspect device relaying live pictures back to its operator. Until now model helicopters have been notoriously difficult to

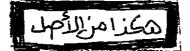
> fly, requiring lightning reactions from the controller to avoid disaster.

Intelligent Autonomous Systems laboratory at the University of the West of England, whose previous inventions include an injector pen used by 50 per cent of Britain's insulin-dependent diabetics, said: "There are many possible applications for the Nitrohawk, from tracing underground pipes to finding buried bodies, but clearing minefields is the one closest to my heart. Two or three of these machines could check an acre of land in ten to 15 minutes."

At £25,000 it is also cheaper than other remote control machines, such as the Wheelbarrow, which examines sus-Bob Channon. 54, a researcher in the pect devices in Northern Ireland.

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## Oxford's Messiah is branded a fake

Authenticity of a violin renowned as one of Stradivari's finest is now in doubt, reports Dalya Alberge

THE authenticity of one of the that his original results were greatest violins accredited to Antonio Stradivari has been called into question.

The instrument, known as The Messiah, is owned by the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. It has been dated to 1716, and has been seen as a flaw-

less Stradivarius jewel. Now Stewart Pollens, associate conservator of musical instruments at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, has suggested that the violin is inconsistent with Stradivari's other work. His findings, pub-lished in the Journal of the Violin Society of America, discuss design features such as the curling opening on the violin's face, which he regards as unprecedented. He points to an incorrect marking: the letters G and PG were used by Stradivari to differentiate sizes: and while The Messiah matches the PG measure-

ment, it bears a G. His conclusions were supported by a dating of the wood which suggests it was a spruce chopped down after Stradivari died in 1737. The test was done by Peter Klein, a dendrochronologist — a scientist specialising in wood dating - at the University of Hamburg: he gave a likely date of 1738. Dr Klein yesterday insisted

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"preliminary", based on a photograph - something he had made clear to Dr Pollens. He offered the date only "for discussion", he said. It had been impossible, he said, to see beneath the strings in the photograph: he has since visited Oxord to see the real thing.

"There were fewer rings in the photograph than in reali-ty." Until he has all the measurements, he says, "I cannot say if it is a Strad or not". John Topham, a violin-

restorer trained in dendrochronology of instruments, said Dr Klein had "arrived at an assessment before being certain about the data . . . dendrochronologists do not give provisional or working dates outside the laboratory". He believes that The Messi-

ah's wood matches an instrument known to date from 1717: they may have come from the same tree. His findings, he said, had been verified by scientists at Sheffield University. The Messiah got its nick-name when a violinist said to

the owner, who would not

show it to him: "Your violin is like The Messiah. One expects him, but he never appears." It was acquired by the Hill family who donated it in 1939 along with a collection of



The violin at issue, known as The Messiah

the finest string instruments in the world — to the Ashmolean. Andrew Hill, a senior partner of W.E. Hill, accused Dr Pollens of having a "private agenda". "He can't see why dealers like our family were giving something like this away. Someone like Pollens dismisses such altruism."

He suggested that Dr Klein had backtracked on his original theory and described Dr Pollens's conclusions as mumbo-jumbo: "if he'd looked at 300 or 400 Strads, as I have, he'd know a lot more about it". Yesterday Dr Pollens de-

fended his theory, noting that the G marking was not in the Hills catalogue of 1902. "It has been altered while in the possession of the Hills. It is a common thing in the violin world

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not in a fraudulent manner but to confirm an evaluation."

He said that Dr Klein had never suggested that his data were preliminary: "He wrote to me saying he was sure of his analysis." The rings which Dr Klein could not see under the strings in the photograph, he said, would only add a year or so to the date. That The Messiah matched another instru-

ment proved nothing.
Timothy Wilson, of the Ashmolean, said: "The Ashmolean is only interested in the pursuit of the truth and we look forward to seeing evidence laid out in a scientific way."

A British dealer, Peter Bid-

dulph, dismissed any doubts about The Messiah, describing it as an extraordinary instrument, in such superlative condition that "it's like new". ☐ An organisation is being set up to counter the international trade in stolen musical instruments, in response to the vast increase in their theft. It is the idea of the violin-restorer George Eittinger, who has been establishing a database, to go on the Internet, with photographs and detailed technical data, that specialists will be able to tap into if confronted with a suspect instrument.



Two papillon toys looking their best for the Crufts judges at the Birmingham NEC yesterday. Graycaz Oliviar, left, is the aunt of Geanzger Sofine Graycaz. They are owned by Caroline Lee-Farnsworth of Manchester. Results, page 22

## Demo threatens Channel traffic

CHANNEL lorry drivers and tourists face delays today as Calais port workers face (8am in Britain) and last for six face delays today as Calais port workers demonstrate over the threatened ending of duty free goods. The protesters plan to block ferries and Eurotunnel trains.

Police in Kent said that a section of the M20 could be shut to accommodate lorries queueing for crossings. Inspector Peter Savage said that Operation Stack was ready to be put into action, with the motorway remaining closed for as long as the queues lasted. He said: "We hope the dispute does not last all day, but we have to be prepared to cope with disruption for as long as it takes."

A spokesman for P & O Stenaline said he understood that the action against

hours. Their service would be suspended from 6.15am, with the next ferry leaving Dover about 12.15pm. He said: "As usual it is the British passenger who has to bear the brunt of a protest like this."

A Eurotunnel spokeswoman said that it had been told the Calais port workers would block its entrance and exit in France from Ilam to 2pm British time. She said: "We have spent time over the past couple of days contacting those who have tickets to inform them of the industrial action.

"We are advising passengers they should not travel unless they have to and angry at this." (PA News)

we are advising day-trippers that it may

not be worth going at all." The Freight Transport Association said the dispute - on the busiest day of the week for Channel hauliers — could cost industry about El million. A spokesman said: "Lorries cannot travel on French roads during the weekend, so Mondays are especially busy. Truck schedules are always very tight, so this is going to have 4

knock-on effects for the whole week." He said that truck drivers were again being caught up in a dispute that had nothing to do with them. "If you were to speak to drivers at Dover tomorrow, you

## Park tourists face £1 tax

By Paul Wilkinson, north east correspondent

VISITORS to the North York can be linked with specific Moors National Park could soon be asked to pay a levy to fund conservation projects in the area. They might find themselves paying between 50p and £1 on top of their bills in cafes, pubs and hotels, or for attendance at specific events.

bers of the pank audiority of morrow says an entrance fee was neither acceptable not tradical but what it calls visitor payback provided a more direct way of tapping management needs. It also has the advantage of allowing the visitor to relate personally to the project they are contributing towards."

Officials, whose annual budget of £3 million for the 554 sq mile park is already tightly stretched, believe peo-ple will be happy to pay a voluntary 50n to fi as a recognition of the work done to protect the scenery and surroundings they come to enjoy.

This year the 15,000 people cing part in or

events such as car rallies. mountain biking or orienteering competitions in the park would be asked to contribute. but the scheme could encompass all the eight million who visit the moors each year.

David Brewster, head of park services said: "In no way will this ever replace our usual funding from Government, local authorities and other grants, but it could make all the difference on some key projects. It would be entirely voluntary and people would

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## Fight fans hit out at ringside 'mugging'

IN NEW YORK

BRITISH fans who spent their savings to travel to the big fight in New York left the arena punch-drunk after what they described as a mugging at Madison Square Garden Many identified the suspect as Don King.

The hundreds of armed police sent to keep order had failed to protect Lennox Lewis's forlorn supporters from the injustice perpetrated upon them, and afterwards they streamed quietly into local bars to drown their sor-

"From the airport, a taxi driver told us no one got turned over any more in New York because the crime has gone down," said Jim Garner of Nuneaton. "I'll tell you what: a guy was turned over in

that boxing ring tonight." Dozens of the fans who made the trip without tickets paid \$25 (£15) to watch the fight on television in a bar rather than risk getting tricked by



The big fight attracted many Hollywood celebrities, including Michael Douglas and Jack Nicholson

But those who really felt cheated were the thousands who got

Whether draped in the Union Jack or suited and booted in evening dress. Lewis lovalists from across the country the social spectrum seemed as stunned as if they had been in the ring them-

"It's a complete farce," complained Samuel Philips from Birmingham. "It was daylight robbery. All the way from Birmingham to watch this. It's ust a waste of money." John Harris, a Chelsea pensioner who stood out in the crowd in his red dress uniform, brought his son to watch the title fight to mark his fortieth birthday.

"It's disgusting, really," Mr Harris said. "I will go to the rematch if it's in England, but not out here. You know what is going to happen here." "I feel totally gutted," his present having backfired. With quick flashes of Cockney wit, some theorised about the state not just of boxing but of the United States, seeing the decision as a symptom of a general cultural malaise.

That's the same judges that let Clinton off," said Dominic Jones from West London. "It's the same judges that let O.J. off. How can Americans live with themselves? I would have preferred Lennox to lose, because this feeling is worse." Alan Isherwood of Wood

ford, Essex, said: "It's soured the goodwill of the Brits who had come over here - and they came over in such big numbers and spent such big They feel cheated. The

effect will be not so much on boxing as on America. Even Americans are embarrassed about it. It's the monetary manipulation of the world." As soon as they stepped out of the arena. American specta-

from Lennox Lewis." tors flipped open their mobile One stumed American fan ment with friends. Even just stood on the pavement re-

among Holyfield supporters,

the verdict was unanimous: "I

was rooting for Holyfield and

I still think that was a horrible

result," said Don Ende, a New

York lawver. "It was stolen

peating over and over again: Lennox Lewis is the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world: Lennox Lewis is the undisputed heavyweight

champion of the world." Fears of a football-style brawl after the big fight did not materialise, as the travelling fans dispersed into the ately city's nightclubs, bars and sex annot shops to try to salvage their weekend away from home.

At the Sporting Bar across the street from Madison Square Garden, the jubilation over what had seemed like certain victory soured immedi-

Wearing the flag: Lennox Lewis fans outside Madison Square Garden before the disappointment of the fight result

announced. "It's the old saying: You have to knock 'em out to win in America." said David Gibson from Yorkshire. He had watched it on the bar's television, having refused to buy tickets offered to him by touts at \$1,000 each.



By JOANNA BALE

LARRY O'CONNELL, who declared the fight a draw, is Britain's second longest serving star-class referee and no stranger to controversy.

In 1992 Frank Bruno was extremely critical of him in a television commentary of the thrilling super-middleweight title fight between Henry Wharton and Fidel Castro Smith in Leeds, when Bruno agreed with Harry Carpenter that Smith was well ahead. A few minutes later. O'Connell raised Wharton's hand in victory by the narrowest margin of 118 to 117% points.

Bruno, on the advice of his lawyers, later apologised saying he had the "highest regard" for O'Connell. But yesterday Bruno called the New ing decision I've ever seen in the boxing ring".

In recent months, O'Conneil, a former boxer turned gold engraver from Kent. has been the only judge on panels of three to back the loser in two important title fights. In the WBC welterweight battle between the American Oscar de la Hoya and the Ghanaian lke Quartey in Newcastle last month, O'Connell raised some

eyebrows by being the only judge to back Quartey. O'Connell also backed another loser last year in Kevin Lueshing's light-middleweight win over Nicky Thurbin in Cheshunt. While O'Connell de117 to 112, the two other judges gave Lueshing the win with a 116-112 verdict. O'Connell, who is in his 60s, said of his verdict

Lewis's most decisive round. the fifth, to the American. She said she saw Holyfield throw more punches, contrary to official statistics. In her forties, she has been judging professional fights since 1989 and is one of about a dozen women vealed last night that he had objected to Williams as a judge in concern over her expe-

him that she was suitable. Stanley Christodolou, the South African who awarded the fight to Lewis by 116-113 verdict, is widely respected, says Don Majeski, a boxing historian. He helped to integrate boxing under the apartheid regime and has just retired as executive director of the South African Boxing Board. He has been the top-rated WBA judge for 15 years. In his 50s, he judged his first world light in

#### in New York: "I know I'll get some stick, but it's my decision to call the fight as I see it. When I score each round, I never know what the overall score is going to be. Some British boxing writers also made it a draw. Eugenia Williams, who declared Holyfield the winner by 115 to 113, is said to have scored

pionship bouts. Lewis's man-Frank Maloney, rerience, but the IBF assured

1974 in Johannesburg.

## **Keeping count** of all the rules

By Devlin Barrett

THE scoring rules that gov-erned the Lennox Lewis-Evander Holyfield draw appear deceptively simple but are prone to wide interpreta-

Because Saturday night's prize was three championship belts, the judge selec-tion was straightforward: one official from each of the boxing organisations.

Technically, a boxing judge should be little more than a bean-counter, tallying up the clean blows land-ed by each fighter in each round to decide the winner of that round, and then adding up the number of won rounds to determine the overall Winner.

A landed blow is defined as one struck with the front of the glove that hits the opponent's target areas: above the waist and the front of the face and chest.

A blow struck with the outside of the glove or a heavy slap, no matter how hard, does not count. Neither does a solid punch to the back or the back of the

The most interpretive element of judging is deciding if a blow connected when the target fighter is leaning away or ducking. In most fights, there are at least a hundred such swipes, and it is up to the judges to work out which ones inflicted damage and which ones

were near-misses. At the end of each round, the judg-es award ten points to the person who landed more solid punches, and nine points to his opponent. But a boxer who knocks

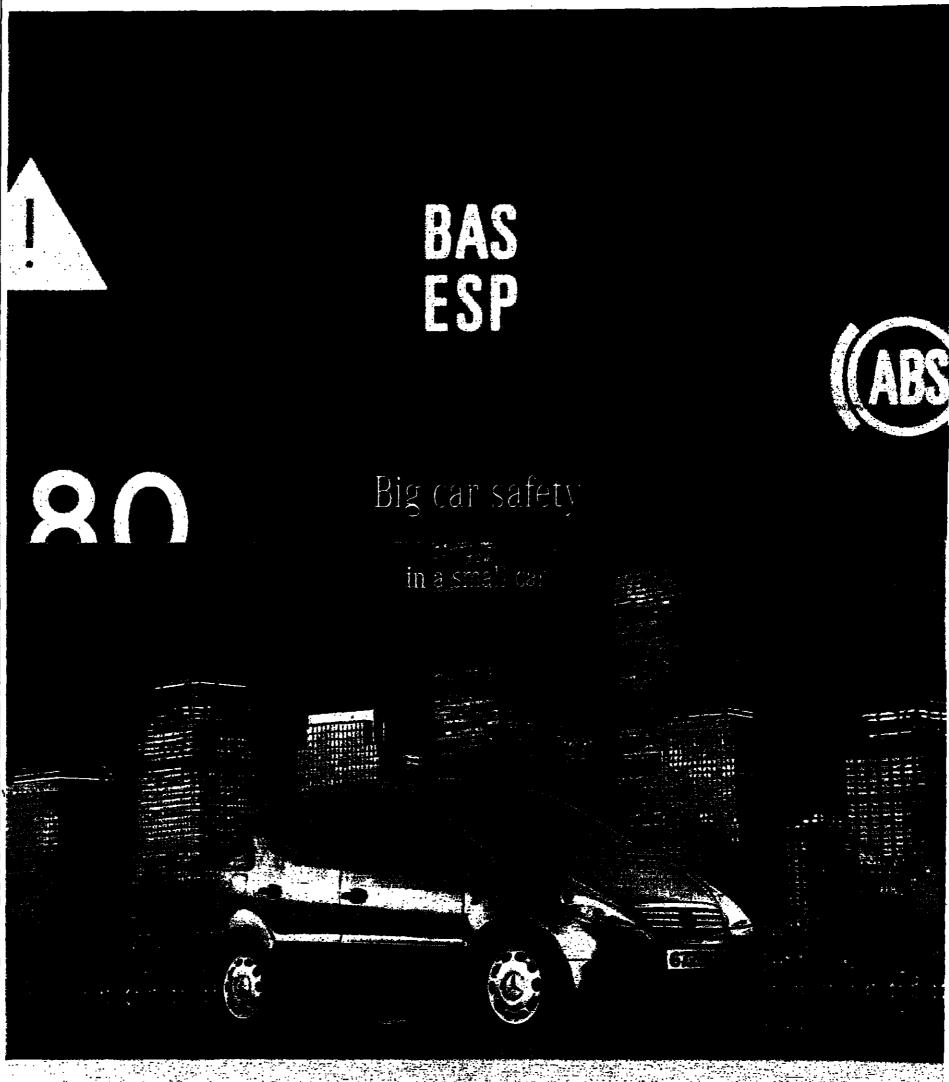
an opponent to the mat is given a two-point edge for that round, with ten points going to the winner and eight to the man taken

The scorecards are filled out at the end of each round and handed to the referee at the end of the fight.

This round-by-round tally is the most common source of disagreement between official scorers and fight fans, because a fighter who batters his enemy for a full round but does not put him on the floor is awarded the same point gain as a fighter who does very little damage but makes slightly more fist-to-body contact

within a mund. But by all standard measures. Holyfield was massively outgunned Saturday night in New York. A computer count of the punches landed showed Lewis more than doubled the Ameri-

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## Prince's homage to fallen **Paras**

ON A low hilltop above Goose Green, the constant wind ruffles the bright silk petals on the wreathes of artificial flowers that have lain here since last May. They are a startling spot of colour in a landscape of dull peary brown and pale un-

demourished grass.

Below the flowers, the red and green iron roofs of the hamlet wink in the sporadic sunshine. Above them, a memorial topped by a simple iron cross lists the names of 20 members of The Parachute Regiment, headed by Lieutenant-Colonel H Jones. VC. who fell in one of the bloodiest hand-to-hand battles of the Falklands conflict.

Every year on May 28, the anniversary of the end of their month's incarceration in the increasing squalor of their own community centre at the hands of occupying Argen-tines, the 30 villagers gather at the memorial to honour their liberators. Yesterday they assembled again to see the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Paras, lay his own wreath in honour of the regiment, which only last year fi-nally added the names of Goose Green, Wireless Ridge and Mount Longdon to its bat-

tle honours. The Prince arrived by heli-copter, regimental tie beneath his dull green parka. The wind tugged at his hair as he walked with Richard Ralph. Governor of the Falklands, to the little plot surrounded by a picket fence. As he laid his wreath he stood motionless for a minute, clenching his fists by his side and looking moved by

There should have been a bugler, but last-minute pro-

pace with the ever-changing South Atlantic weather had left him behind at Fitzroy on the other side of East Falk-

Paras in their red berets, most of them now serving in the Falklands garrison, stood to attention by the memorial. They were led by Major Geof-frey Weighell, 42, who as a young lieutenant had commanded an attacking platoon round the western edge of the Goose Green isthmus.

This is the first time I have been back in 17 years, and my feelings are very mixed; I have been trying to remember who was where while the lighting was going on." Major Weighell said. This is a beautiful spot today, but it was very different then. There was a lot of lead flying around; one of my soldiers was killed and sev-

"It was my first battle. It was a daunting time, but the plan was a good one. It was still frightening, bloody and occasionally nauseating. knew nothing for some time about the

death of Colonel Jones; we were all too busy with our own lit-tle battles." Falklands weather dispirited the invader

feat. It attacked the Prince too yesterday, temporarily grounding the hel-icopter that should have taken him on a tour of memorials and forcing him to cancel a planned visit and another wreath-laying at the official

A small detachment of

ing Colonel Jones, lie buried ina neat plot surrounded by a low wall reminiscent of a welleral were wounded.

This is a beautiful spot today, but there was a lot of lead flying around then? and delayed his de-

In 1982 troops had to walk.

Outnumbered by more than two to one, low on ammunition, lacking adequate fire sup-port, fighting over open ground in daylight against prepared positions, the Paras still British War Cemetery at San

near the hamlet, a simple stone marks the spot where Colonel Jones died storming a which brought him a posthu-

except when they attacked en-trenched Argentine machine-Life at Goose Green has sugun positions on motorcycles. perficially changed since the war. Villagers surf the BBC World and CNN on their televisions, But some things remain constant; the Prince watched a sheepdog demonstra-

mous VC.

the largest sheepsheering shed in the world. With 75,000 sheep and a world wool price at rock bottom, the community is not prosperous, unlike Stanley's new barons of licensed fishing who can be seen ride in brand-new Range-

tion, and looked in-

side what is said to be

ing villagers over lunch in the corrugated-iron community centre, still used as a social club, a clearly relaxed Prince sympathised with their struggle against falling wool prices but consoled them with the news that farming in Britain was going through an equally

But he had a clear admiration for the islands he was visiting for the first time. "I think you have something quite remarkable here. You have a very precious environment, and so many of you realise just what a special part of the world this is."

The Prince, the most senior member of the Royal Family to visit the Falklands, was always assured of a warm welcome, but he has been doubly well received as a result of his

determination in a speech in Buenos Aires last Tuesday. Hundreds of people cheered him as he arrived in Stanley on Saturday evening to lay his first wreath, at the war memorial in the town's main street,

with its inscription: "In memo-

ty of those who liber-At a noisy reception with 400 islanders in Stanley Town Hall he was left in no doubt over how his speech had been received by ans describe disparag-

ingly as "kelpers". Eileen Vidal, 74, who won the British Empire Medal for keeping the local radio service going during the occupation, said. "I fold him we were so proud and happy about his

The Prince laughed and admitted he appears to have upset a

few people.
"We were well pleased with what he said. I have never heard applause like that for his arrival, even when Mrs Thatcher came," Mrs Vidal

We were well pleased with what he said. I have never heard applause like that?

> said Lewis Clifton, a member of the island's legislative coun-cil and regarded as a moder-ate, said that the islanders would have been disappointed if the Prince had not said what he did. There is talk of im

present. There can be no giving ground until Argentina accepts the fundamental principle of our sovereignty."

But what most worries islanders at present, is a threat by Chile to withdraw regular

Stanley and Punta Arenas, which not only gives the population an alternative es-RAF's Tristar flights to England, but brings them fresh fruits and vegetables. The bright flowers

of Goose Green recall a bold victory that is gradually slipping into a past era. Seventeen years on, and far more prosperous than at any time in their history, the kelpers still keep a wary eye on a future



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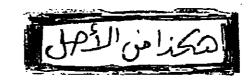
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By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE seven law lords who will decide the fate of General Augusto Pinochet are to announce the date of their ruling this week. It will come five months after the former Chilean dictator, who is now detained in a mansion in Weybridge, Surrey, was arrested after Spain requested his extradition to face charges over alleged human rights abuses.

Some of the law lords are believed to maintain that the general has immunity from prosecution, others that he does not and some that he has immunity in respect of some alleged crimes but not others.

One legal source said: "They will be divided but it is a question of how divided."

Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson, the senior law ford, is known to want as clear a ruling as possible after the previous ruling by the law lords that the general did not enjoy

immunity from prosecution was set aside because Lord Hoffmann, part of a 3-2 majority, failed to disclose his links with Amnesty International.

The new hearing, which began in January ran to 12 working days and included arguments not heard by the first panel of law lords. The complexity of the arguments and the fact that two of the law lords are chairing public inquiries have added to the delay. The ruling will come within a day or two either side of the general's next bail hearing next Monday.

The court battle has run up huge legal bills and security costs. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has given Surrey police £200,000 to help to pay for protecting the general. Spain has also offered to pay the protection bill, which is believed to be more than £35,000 a week. If the law lords decide

that he must stand trial, the security operation could last another year as avenues of appeal are explored.

More than 100 lawyers have been involved in the case. The general is paying his own legal fees and about £350,000 has been given to his firm of solicitors, Kingsley Napley, by Chile's Pinochet Foundation. Some of Chile's wealthiest businessmen have pledged their backing.

The Crown Service, which brought the appeal to the House of Lords after the High Court ruled that the general had immunity from prosecution, has used five barristers, including a QC. and the Treasury Solicitor has engaged two counsel.

The general's own team costs an estimated E12,000 for each day in court, and the cost of the new law lords' hearing is believed to be £500,000.

General disorder gives the rich a beating

By CHRISTINE MIDDAP

IT (S a mild Saturday afternoon in Surrey as the rich and famous enjoy a few quiet hours in their mansions. Then

the drumming begins.

Hesitantly at first, a single drum beats out a lonely rhythm. But soon the clatter of a wilder beating fills the heavily wooded pocket of the Wentworth Estate, echoing over the security gates and through the walls of the country retreats.

Then the chanting starts: "Now is the time to pay for your crime" and "There's only one decision, extradition". This is the scene every Sat-

urday afternoon for the unfortunate neighbours of General Augusto Pinochet. The only thing that changes, locals say, is the volume. "It goes from unbearable to barely tolerable," one neighbour said. Some just abandon their

prevent their getting closer.
"We know he hears us, the police tell us so," said Sergio homes between 2pm and 5pm Lagoh, a Chilean-born Lonwhen the protesters, who vary doner who spent three years

On the beaten track: Pinochet protesters on the Wentworth Estate's London Road, 100 yards from the general's home in a concentration camp in Chile. The protesters are deterin number from about 25 to 50, set up on the busy London Road about 100 yards from

mined to keep reminding the general of his "crimes" but the general's rented property. They cannot see the house from their protest point. A heavy police presence, and the estate's strict trespass laws,

they are mindful of the disturbance. When the family in the closest house, about 20 yards away, wanted to celebrate their child's first birthday they asked the protesters to quieten down. "So we were a little quieter and then we sang Happy Birthday," Mr Lagoh said.

The film-maker Bryan Forbes and his actress wife Nanette Newman live near the general. "It's the drums, the drums." Mr Forbes has said. "It's a pain but there's nothing

we can do." pledged to stay as long as the general, and some estimates say that the extradition process could take years. His next

when there will be a flurry of activity as helicopters and

scores of police escort him. There are 600 houses on the 1,750-acre estate near Virginia Water, and prices reach about £5 million. Chile is paying for the general's accom thought to be about £10,000 a month. An estate agent said the problems had been no impact on property prices: "Nothing affects prices in this area."

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JPs. Instead, he wants to see a

broader social mix and to open the magistracy to as-many peo-

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## Drive to make JPs blue collar, not blue rinse

AN ADVERTISING campaign to recruit more working class people as magistrates and to rid the occupation of its blue-rinse image is launched

Although there are no fig-ures for the jobs of the 30,000 magistrates in England and Wales, few are be-

lieved to come from manual jobs, where it is has always been harder to get time off for

The month-long campaign by the Lord Chancellor's Department\_costing £420,000, will use posters and depicting

man from the department, programme, run by the Judibalanced in terms of gender, ethnic origin, where people

live, occupation and age." A second objective is to reduce the excessive workload in some areas but the Lord Chancellor. Lord Irvine of Lairg. has abandoned an earlier aim

the Magistrates' Association, said: "It is vital

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appraised and be required to reach. cial Studies Board, aims to istrates as amateurs. It has already begun in some areas. When magistrates first sit, their skills are appraised by ex-

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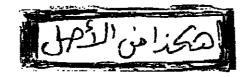
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## Art owners may sell to avoid admitting public

THOUSANDS of national treasures could be sold abroad because of new Treasury rules forcing owners to allow the public unfettered viewing

Many of those who receive tax breaks on inherited property which is of national importance claim there will be a rush to sell, after an instruction from the Inland Revenue that in future the public should be able to view the property - houses, land, works of art or furniture without an appointment

The Chancellor insisted on greater rights of access as part of last year's Finance Act but its implications are only now beginning to emerge. The Inland Revenue intends to compile a brochure listing the treasures exempted from tax and to provide information on how the public can view the

The Chancellor's attempt to make access to treasures easier could backfire, reports Valerie Elliott

scheme.

property. But many owners lear they could be put at risk from burglars. The Inland Revenue has

written to hundreds of people covered by the "conditional exemption" of taxes scheme and asked them to detail their plans to show visitors their property without appointment. A letter from Mike Downs, an official in the capital taxes office in Nottingham. says that if owners fail to do so, the Inland Revenue will offer its own.

Two weeks ago a National Audit Office report said that some owners were deliberately making it hard for the pub-

buy himself out. The Earl of Leicester, presilic to see works covered by the

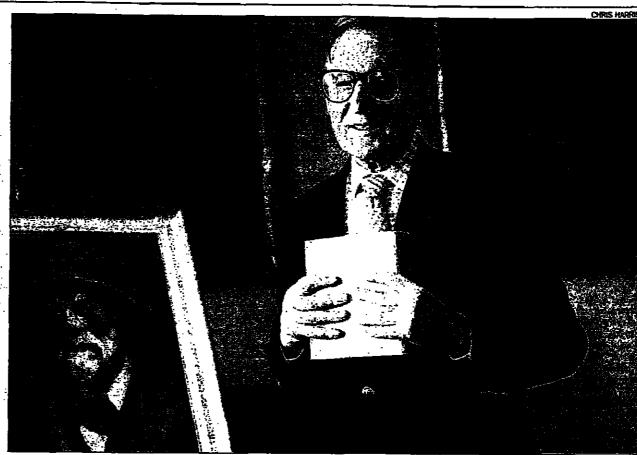
Lord Bridges, the grandson of the poet Robert Bridges, is incensed by the change. He owns, with his brothers and sisters, a collection of the poet's books valued at up to £50,000. He is worried about security and is against his name and address appearing in any public register. He said: "We have no difficulty over scholars wishing to study the text but we cannot just allow anyone in at any time and we must make checks." Access is usually granted within 36

Lord Bridges, a crossbench-

er, is to raise the matter in the Lords and said that if the Gov-ernment pressed ahead he would try to raise the cash to

dent of the Historic Houses Association and owner of the 25,000-acre Holkham Hall estate in Norfolk, would also be affected by the plan. His mansion is open to the public for 90 days a year. But he has many exempted treasures in his private wing, including Canaletto's The Bridge over the Rialto. He said it would be difficult to move these items and he was resigned to "devising a system where the public walk through our private rooms".

He added: "For many people it will be impossible to comply with these rules and they would rather pay the tax and sell the items. Many will eventually flood the sales rooms."



Lord Bridges with a Robert Bridges book; he fears that greater public access to the poet's collection will tempt thieves



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Sections of the anti-war painting being restored at Leicester Museum

## 'Jigsaw puzzle' reveals horrors of war

AN ANTI-WAR oil painting cut into pieces and smuggled out of Nazi Germany is being pains-

The New Walk Museum in Leicester has taken the unusual step of bringing the painting out of conservation for a week of public display in an attempt to flush out the missing pieces.

The giant triptych painting entitled Thou Shalt not Kill and originally measuring 8ft x 24 ft, questioned the slaughter of the First World War and raised concerns about Adolf Hitler's increasingly belligerent attitude to Germany's neighbours. The Munich artist Johannes

Matthaeus Koelz spent seven years on his masterpiece. Fearing that it would be lost for ever, he asked a friend to cut the painting into scores of pieces as he fled Germany in 1937, to avoid arrest for pacifist propaganda.

The pieces were handed to trusted friends and relatives for safe keeping. After years of searching, mostly by Koelz's



Johannes Koelz's triptych was cut into pieces so it could be smuggled out of Nazi Germany

daughter Ava Farrington, some of the pieces have re-emerged. A large percentage of the missing painting is believed to be

still in Germany, although several pieces have turned up in Britain and the United States. Museum officials say some pieces may be in Australia.

Koelz made a daring escape

from Munich, fleeing with his family across mountainous border country into Austria and then Prague, on a journey which brought him to England

The German art specialist at the Tate Gallery, London, Sean Rainbird, said: "The attempted reconstruction of this dismem-

bered triptych is a fascinating project. It casts light upon a period of great political upheaval in Germany, which affected the lives and livelihoods of many artists. Great anti-war statements such as Otto Dix's The Trench 1923, now lost, are well known. Koelz's previously un-

known triptych, painted a dec-

ade later, was conceived during a period of fanatical nationalism and increasing intolerance."

Adrienne Avery-Gray, the New Walk Museum's Keeper of Fine Art, said: "Inquiries from the public have been phenomenal. This has caught everyone's imagination and people naturally want to see the painting for

This is quite an unusual step for us to take, putting a painting on display before conservation work has been completed. But we thought we owed it to the public to show it now in its original condition rather than wait for the work to be done."

The Institute of Art and Law, based at Leicester, has helped by including details on its website. The painting will be shown from March 30 to April 6.



The Institute of Art and Law



WILLIAM HAGUE is heading for a rift with local Tory chiefs after they overwhelmingly backed radical plans to force MPs to seek reselection

Constituency chairmen yes-terday voted in favour of forc-ing all sitting MPs to face a ballot of local members.

MPs gave a warning that the changes would provoke the sort of internal feuding that plagued Labour's local parties in the early 1980s. when compulsory reselection was imposed by the hard Left. Supporters of the changes say that the new rule would help local parties to get rid of unpopular and sleaze-tainted MPs. They believe that it is a

natural extension of other

changes that Mr Hague has

introduced to make the party more democratic But MPs fear that the change will allow vocal minoriries unfairly to oust sitting members. Such a change, they say, would make it easier for Eurosceptic activists to mount challenges against pro-Europe-an MPs such as Michael

Party leaders fear feuding if reselection by ballot goes ahead, reports

lan Taylor and David Curry. Most Tory MPs are reselected by a show of hands. Ballots are rare, and held only if requested by the chairman or a third of the executive

James Landale

The amendment to the party's new constitution was moved by Lady Bethell, a Tory Euro candidate and chairman of the Buckinghamshire Conservative Association. Tory chairmen and other senior party figures on the National Conbacked the move by 141 votes to 90. and it will be considered by the full constitutional college of the party — comprising constituency chairmen. MPs

One supporter of the amend-ment said: The party's grassroots made its views very clear today. The leadership have to accept this. It would not play very well if they ignore the

wishes of the voluntary party."
Another said: "MPs with good records have absolutely nothing to fear ... but MPs should not take advantage of the good nature of volunteers who devote years of work to supporting them."
One senior Tory MP said:
"MPs are scared witless. They

know this is an attempt by the local parties get the sort of con-trol which Labour parties have. They are trying to get back at us because many blame us for losing the

Mr Hague's spokesman said that the Tory leader did not have a formal view on the matter, but the leadership is understood to be more sympathetic to the view of MPs.

The 800-strong constitutional convention is dominated by constituency chiefs, who could easily outvote the 200 or so



A performer with the Streets Ahead festival, which has been denied lottery funding

## Arts festival threatens to sue lottery

By MARK HENDERSON

THE Millennium Commission is facing a legal challenge over its refusal to give a £300,000 National Lottery grant to a Manchester arts

Organisers of the city's Streets Ahead festival are threatening to take the commission to judicial review after it turned down their bid for funding under the £100 million Millennium Festival sheme, details of which were announced last month.

Solicitors' letters have been sent to the commission contesting its decision, and the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA), which made the bid, is considering whether to issue a writ. There is no appeals procedure, short of the courts, for applicants

refused funding.

Any challenge is likely to have serious implications for the 26 projects in the North West that were awarded a total of almost £2 million. AGMA would have to prove that the process for making the grants broke rules, which could mean a review of all the awards in the region and a

substantial delay.

The festival, which has been running annually since 1994, had hoped for a grant to

ganza next year, including a concert in which a violin ensemble would be winched high above Manchester by crane to play. Carniyals, parades, open-air concerts and street theatre were planned across the old metro-

politan county. The event has the support of all ten councils in the region and local MPs, including Ger-ald Kaufman, who also chairs the Commons Culture Select

Committee which oversees the millennium celebrations.

Two other local projects were awarded funding total ling £500,000, but the failure of Streets Ahead means that large towns such as Bolton, Bury and Stockport will be without an official millennium celebration.

John Battie, leader of Old-ham council and chairman of AGMA, said the failure of the bid was a tragedy for Maning for the last five years to put this on, but when we ask for the funding we don't get it," he said. "We feel as if we have just been strung along." A Millennium Commission

spokesman said: "There is no doubt that Streets Ahead was a great bid which met all our criteria, but we simply could not fund everything."

## Two years on, the bell begins to toll for an accidental MP



Martin Bell: "I don't think Labour ever felt I was a danger to them

Martin Bell agreed to stand as the anti-sleaze election candidate for Tatton. Now the battle is under way to choose the candidates who will compete for the

seat at the next election. This Thursday the Conserva-tives in the Cheshire constituency will be choosing their prospective candidate. Mr Bell's son-in-law, Peter Bracken, a former Army major, has announced that he vants to stand for Labour.

Mr Bell admits that he will be sorry to finish his short and unexpected career as a politician, and bitterly regrets telling the voters of Tatton that he would be their MP for one parliament only.

"If I even hinted at the possibility of breaking that promise, peohe would turn around and say. Mark Inglefield meets the maverick member for Tatton

'I've gone from one job that's

You're just another lying politician," he said. "I regret having made it because I think there is a need for an independent MP and I am not ashamed to say I enjoy representing Tatton."

Mr Bell has clearly taken to his new job and the area. We met in his local pub. The George in Great Budworth, where he emed at one with the locals. Behind the bar there was an advert

for a book on local beers with an introduction by . . . Martin Bell. Tatton appears equally happy to have him as its MP. He is a good talking point, and to have re-elected the sleaze-mired Neil Hamilton would have looked bad. However, the former BBC

he has made much of an impact at the House of Commons.

held low in public esteem, journalism, to another which is held even lower, politics, and in both you never really know if you're doing a good job or not." he said. Mr Bell does not conceal his loathing of sycophantic Labour

backbenchers. "I groan inwardly every time I hear the phrase, 'May I congratulate my right hon-orable friend'. One Cabinet minister told me that he cringed at some of the questions he was asked by his own side."

In the course of ministering to his constituents, Mr Bell has

come across his old adversaries, Neil and Christine Hamilton. "I talked to him two weeks ago about his action in the Court of Appeal," he says. "What he has now is the equivalent of a criminal record, in terms of his future employability that is disastrous. I believe he has every right to tack-

le these matters in the courts and as his MP I am there to help." Mr Bell has been careful not to come across as "Mr Soundbite on all issues of public probity", despite many requests to do so. The revelation that he had overspent on his election expenses made him realise how careful an MP

He says that the Tories would

be unwise to think that Tatton is theirs for the taking, despite the fact that they held the seat with a 20,000 majority before he came along. They have to go for some one with an impeccable record because they are going to be gone through, in a way that I was gone through, by Fleet Street."

Now 60, he is undecided about what to do when he leaves Westminster. He may make television programmes and intends writing books. The first, The Accidental MP, will be published before he stands down as an MP. Is it going to lift the lid on new Labour?

"No one has anything to fear," he said. "I don't think Labour ever felt I was a danger to them. I am an anomaly at Westminster as I was an anomaly at the BBC. I ve always quite liked that."

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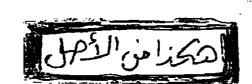
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## Afghans agree to end 20 years of civil war

THE two warring sides in Afghanistan reached an agreement yesterday that could bring the first signs of peace to a country suffering from civil war for two decades.

Although the breakthrough, after three days of secret talks between the ruling Taleban authorities and those representing the opposition in the north of the country, was being regarded in the West with some caution, there was genuine hope that a negotiated settlement might be on the cards.

Afghanistan has been synonymous with conflict for centuries, but ever since the invasion of the country by Soviet forces in December 1979, Afghans have had to live in an unrelenting war environment.

Yesterday, backed by the United Nations, the two sides agreed to share power, to guarantee a truce and, eventually, a durable peace. Although negotiations in the past came to nothing, the latest round dealt with many of the issues that have divided the country over the last decade, since the Soviet occupying forces withdrew.

The agreement was reached in Ashkhabad, the capital of Turkmenistan, after intensive negotiations between the two delegations, headed by Wakil Ahmad Muttawakil of the Taleban Islamic militia, and Mohamed Yunuous Oanooni. of the Afghan opposition. They agreed to share power in the three arms of government -the legislative, judiciary and the executive. The next round of talks will be held in about two weeks in Afghanistan, a sign of growing confidence between the two sides who have

been sworn enemies. Sartaj Aziz, the Pakistani Foreign Minister, described the agreement as a "very good development". The Foreign Office welcomed the "genuine

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✓ — Afghanistan online. countries/arigham.html — Conflict and ethnicity in Afghanistan. ethnety in Algrensian. http://www.edcl.gov/cla/publica-tions/factbook/af.html — CIA's proprogress" that had been achieved. Iran, which has supported the anti-Taleban forces. also welcomed the announcement. As part of the deal, both sides will each release 20 prisoners of war as soon as possible, through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Mr Qanouni said: "I am optimistic and hopeful that at the next round of talks we will be able to announce a permanent ceasefire." Mr Muttawakil declared: "When we agree on the details and personnel of the Government, then we can agree to have a ceasefire."

Although the key issue of how to share office in government has yet to be resolved, there appeared to be sufficient confidence that a new administration would emerge, representing all the ethnic groups.

Andrew Tesoriere, the acting head of the UN's special mission to Afghanistan, said: These talks mark a watershed because they address not only confidence-building measures but also fundamental issues regarding the future of Afghanistan."

Despite the fresh hopes that years of bloodshed may be coming to an end, fighting was continuing in the north, and the Taleban delegation admitted there had been some preparations for further military offensives. Taleban, which had seized control of 80 per cent of the country, had been thwarted in its attempts to rule the whole of Afghanistan because of persistent opposition in the north from the alliance of anti-Taleban forces led by Ahmed Shah Masood.

As a sign of the improving political environment, the UN returned to the country for the first time for seven months. Michael Sackett, director of the World Food Programme, arrived in Kabul yesterday and discussed the security arrangements for the return of international staff this week.

About 40 UN personnel left in August after one of its officials was killed during American cruise missile strikes against camps allegedly linked to Osama bin Laden, accused by Washington of being a master terrorist.



A woman shields her son's eyes from dense smoke as she flees a fire that engulfed a shanty town in Delhi yes-terday. At least 27 people were killed and thousands made homeless. Police said five children and four womSlum blaze kills 27 in Delhi

en were among the bodies brought shelter. The slum dwellers, mostly out from a smouldering mosque

a delay in the arrival of fire trucks and hurled stones at some of the vehicles, damaging at least three. Angry residents also clashed with riot police helping rescuers and were beaten back with rifle-butts. (AFP)

Harare suspects complain of torture

FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK IN HARARE

THREE Americans who claim they are Congo missionaries wrongly suspected of being mercenaries, yesterday sought access to doctors to confirm complaints they were tor tured during seven days in Zimbabwean security police

hands. The accused persons currently have wounds which are visible but as each day goes by the healing process eliminates the evidence," said Jeremy Callow, lawyer for John Dixon. Gary Blanchard and Joseph Petryjohn, all of Indianapolis. They were detained trying to board a Swissair flight last week when metal detectors revealed a handgun in their luggage.

Prosecutors, who allege the trio were on a terrorist mission, said a search of a parked lorry uncovered 20 shotguns. assault rifles, a light machinegun, handguns and a diagram of State House which is opposite President Mugabe's principal residence.

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## Bloody start for Kosovo talks

Market bombs and Serb artillery set tone for peace negotiations, Anthony Loyd writes from Mitrovica

AS. IF in a final fling before peace talks reopen today, Kosovo suffered its worst weekend of violence since the talks be gan as three bomb attacks left seven dead and 58 wounded and Serb artillery laid waste to ethnic Albanian villages.

One bomb exploded in a crowded marketplace in Mitrovica, another two in Podujevo. as Hashim Thaci, head of the Kosovo Liberation Army's political directorate and prime minister-designate of the provisional government, led a fiveman KLA delegation to the Paris talks.

All three bombs targeted civilians. In Mitrovica four people, including two women and a child, were killed as the market was transformed into a tangled mess of shredded limbs and pulped fruit. The 30 wounded there included an eight-year-old girl who lost both legs. An hour earlier the first bomb was detonated in Podujevo, followed 15 minutes later by a second. Twentyeight people were injured and two died. A third, an ethnic Albanian man, was shot dead at the scene in the immediate aftermath in circumstances that still remain unclear. The victims in the two towns include Serbs and ethnic Albanians. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks and both sides were quick to

blame the other. Just west of Mitrovica, villages burned across a sevenmile front. Serb tanks, mortars and heavy artillery had pounded suspected KLA positions here throughout the morning and afternoon in the heaviest day of the past three



Thursday, as the Serb offen sive began there, the KLA had cemed in confident mood.

"We know exactly what the Serbs are trying to do," said Naim Bardiqi, a KLA officer with the Fehmi Lladrovci Brigade. They are attempting to drive a wedge between two of our operational zones, but we are much better equipped than we were last year to deal with them." However, by yesterday the atmosphere had changed.

#### **Beating for** British

THE owner of a bar in Skopje, capital of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Mace-donia, said yesterday that five of his waiters had beaten up 22. British soldiers (Michael Evans writes). Sasa Kainovski said the British started the fight last week. 'There were only five of us, but we beat the living hell out of them," he said in Belgrade. Ministry of Defence sources said locals also joined the fighting, some

Presented with a smoking vista of lost villages and advancing Serb tanks, the KLA was tense and nervous. Unable to respond to or withstand such an onslaught, they had been pushed farther back into the Cicavica mountains.

The KLA's fortunes have seldom seemed at a lower ebb. Though better armed than pre-viously, they have again been unable to hold off a concerted Serb push. Worse still, over the past week they have angered the Americans and Europeans by their refusal to sign up to the proposed peace plan, thus taking the pressure off Slobodan Milosevic, the perennially intransigent Yugoslav President.

The year-old guerrilla army can justifiably claim that it has forced Kosovo's plight on to the world stage but its ability. militarily or politically, to exploit this has been flawed. With their luck running out and their popularity waning within Kosovo, the KLA delegation Thacimust play a cool hand in the Paris talks if they are to regain the initiative. ☐ Talks warning: Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary.

has said that the resumed

peace talks due to begin in Par-

is today must produce a quick result (Michael Evans writes). Mr Cook, who will be flying to Paris today to act as co-chairman with Hubert Védrine, his French counterpart, at the start of the talks, said the negotiations could be wound up within a week if there was no agreement.

We don't see any reason why this conference need be prolonged," he told GMTV's Sunday programme.



Marchers release doves in Belgrade yesterday to mark the renewed peace talks

## Fears of Kremlin purge leave Primakov exposed

FROM ANNA BLUNDY IN MOSCOW

A FLOOD of Kremlin leaks suggest that President Yeltsin, angered at being overshadowed by Yevgeni Primakov, his Prime Minister, may be considering another political upheav-al that Russia can ill-afford.

Russian newspapers all agreed at the weekend that a government shakeup was in the offing. "Primakov has Ten Days to become a Reformer was Secodava's front-page headline, referring to Mr Primakov's imminent trip

to Washington. His survival was said to depend on returning with longawaited International Monetary Fund grants. Desperate to prove that he is still a force to be reckoned with. Mr Yeltsin has undermined his Prime Minister by threatening to intervene personally if no deal is struck.

In another blow to Mr Primakov, a spokesman for Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen President, has accused him of not being "interested in the settle-ment of the Chechen problem". Mr Maskhadov has said he wants to deal personally with Mr Yeltsin.

that the Prime Minister will be removed. Mr Yeltsin's recent bedside meetings with Yegor Strovey, the head of the Federation Council, Russia's upper house of parliament, and Grigori Yavlinsky, the leader of the Yabloko party can only be interpreted as a warning to Mr Primakov. Both men were considered for the post before Mr Primakov was proposed last September. The most popular candidate for dismissal by Mr Yeltsin remains Yuri Maslyukov, a First Deputy Prime Minister and the target of corruption alle-

Nevertheless, most observers doubt gations. If Mr Yavlinsky, a reform economist, were to replace Mr Maslyu-kov as chief negotiator with the IMF, Russia's chances of receiving the much-needed loan could only be improved.

The removal of Mr Maslyukov would sour Mr Primakov's ties with the Communists, serving Mr Yeltsin's purpose of getting the communists out of Government. The President is eager that his legacy should be one of rid-ding Russia of communism.

The trouble with glasnost, page 20

## Threat to 'out' French deputy

Paris: Tension will be high in the French parliament this week after Act Up Paris, a militant homosexual group, threatened to "out" a gay MP, the first action of its kind in French public life (Adam Sage writes)

Gay campaigners have seized upon the changing climate to follow their counterparts in Britain and America and press their demands, such as the right to adopt children. The young politician incurred the wrath of the group when he took part in a Catholic pro-family demonstration last month. More than 100,000 people marched through Paris to protest against government proposals to introduce legally binding contracts for unmarried couples, including homosexuals.

## Mercy for Gulf killer

Abu Dhabi: A Filipino murderer, John Aquino, has been spared the death penalty after a mercy plea from the family of his Indian victim, Harbajan Singh Malhi, who live in Birmingham. The United Arab Emirates' supreme court has commuted Aquino's death sentence to a jail term of 15 years. The Philippines Amhassador said the family had approved the degreency without seeking commensation, but newspapers the elemency without seeking compensation, but newspapers reported that £20,000 in blood money was to be paid. (AFP)

### £4m Picasso vanishes

Paris: Picasso's Fr42 million (£4.2 million) Le Buste de Femme, right, has disappeared from a luxury yacht moored off the French Riviera (Adam Sage writes). Police said there was no sign of a breakin on the Coral Island, and there has been no trace of the masterpiece. The painting, which detectives believe may have been taken to Italy, was due to have gone on temporary display in New York.



### Mahathir poll victory

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia's ruling National Front coalition has won 31 of 48 seats in Sabah state assembly elections. The margin of victory stirred talk that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, might call snap general elec-tions, not due until April 2000. Dr Mahathir said the result had confounded critics who claimed that his Government no longer enjoyed popular support. (Reuters)

### 'Amnesty' for gunman

Rome Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who was jailed for life nearly 18 years ago for attempting to kill the Pope, could be freed as a "gesture of clemency" for the millennium, according to Vatican officials (Richard Owen writes). The Pope, who has already publicly forgiven his attacker, has written to President Scalfaro making clear that he has no objection to Agea's release.

### Briton's killer caught

Albuquerque: Roger Dale Yeadon, who escaped from a New Mexico jail where he was serving a sentence for the 1996 killing during a carjacking of David Graham Nichols, a British major, has been recaptured in another state. Yeadon, 26, reached his home state of Alabama, 1,000 miles east of New Mexico, after his fifth escape from prison. (AP)-

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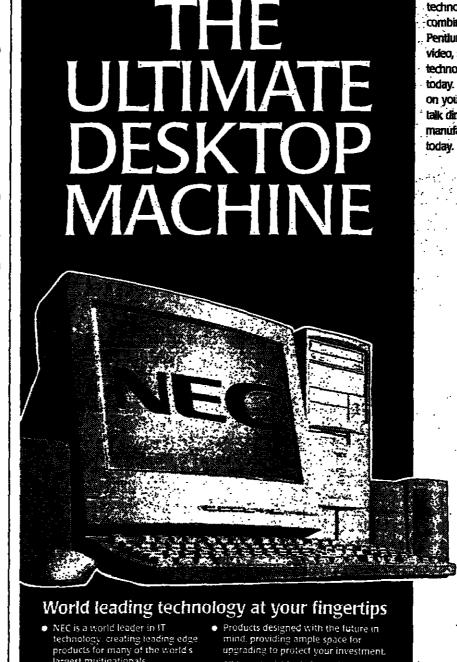
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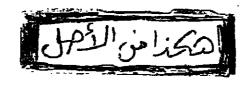
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## Exile for 'Bonaparte' but his conqueror is captive of business

pute at the weekend whether Oskar Lafontaine, known as the Napoleon of the Saar because of his small stature and big ambi-tions, was now on Elba or Saint Helena.

For photographers, he posed with toddler son on his shoulders outside his Saarbrücken home to demonstrate that he was now withdrawing into private life. But his anger at Gerhard Schröder is still great and his influence within the Social

Democrat Party could yet

make negative waves. On

April 12. the Chancellor will

stand for the chairmanship of

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the party and Herr Lafontaine has the ability to make it difficult for Herr Schröder. Assuming, however, that Oskar really has met his Wa-

decisive battle for control of his Government? The conflict between the two men was about social democratic economic strategy, about the kind of ideology that should

accompany power.
Herr Lafontaine championed a modern Keynesianism, demand management, a boost to private consumption, more tax, more spending and, supposedly, more jobs. Herr Schröder advocated a corporatist solution depend-ent on persuading big and medium-sized companies to invest more in job creation.

terioo, how strong is the on the part of the unions and crowing. A more precise inter-Chancellor? Has he won the tax concessions for industry, pretation would be that the There were overlaps in the policies of both men and, on this narrow base of agreement, a ramshackle tax reform was constructed, in the nance Minister. long term someone had to Herr Lafontaine knew it

> ne way of reading the events of the past few days is that capitalism has won. "Never in the recent history of Germany has big business been able to topple such a crucial pillar of government," said a dismayed commentator and cer-tainly the representatives of industry have not stopped

modernisers in and around the Chancellery had successfully used the displeasure of industry to outflank the Fi-

and, since he has a paranoid edge, blew it up into a huge conspiracy against him. His sneer that Herr Schröder is a "cashmere Chancellor" said it all: as far as he is concerned the Chancellor has become a puppet of the capitalists and has finally deserted the Social Democratic Party.

Oskar Bonaparte is more than halfway right about Herr Schröder. The Chancelfor is a captive of big business. From the beginning he has overreacted to their threats and has not set precise limits on their influence. It is in the Chancellor's nature to act as an anchor man, a mediator between competing groups, rather than as a

Typically, he calls in indus-trialists and bankers, asks them their view of what rebounces the opinions off the trade unions. But the unions, crippled by an unemploy-ment rate of more than II per cent, are far weaker and quickly crumble. Only Herr Lafontaine gave them bargaining clout. The German leader is too easily swayed by articulate interest groups and by popular opinion.

f there were an intellectual core to his Government that would not matter too much, but there is not. The winners of last week's drama are clearly the modernisers - Bodo Hombach in the Chancellery, the Labour Minister, Walter Riester, and, if the Chancellor can bring the party behind him, Herr Schröder himself.

Tomorrow the Chancellor beads for Britain, mainly on a routine pre-European summit scouting mission but also

to put the finishing touches to the joint Third Way docu-

The Third Way dialogue between Downing Street and the Bonn Chancellery played a small but significant role in the downfall of Herr Lafontaine. A conversation which should have been conducted by the two party leaderships became a Blair-Schröder event underlining that the Third Way is about power rather than belief.

Herr Lafontaine was suspicious of the toing and froing between London and Bonn. Now the Chancellor needs a modernising manifesto that has broad European support.

## . Lurch to right led Lafontaine to quit

A STRAINED and embittered Oskar Lafontaine yesterday broke his silence for the first time since resigning from the Finance Ministry and accused Gerhard Schröder's team of letting him down.

The 55-year-old German politician warned the Social Democratic Party not to swerve to the right after his departure. "The heart is not yet traded on the stock exchange. It has a home, and it beats on the left," he said.

The message was clear: the minister resigned because he felt that Herr Schröder, the Chancellor, was steering the Government too far towards the centre-right and making tou many concessions to big

But Herr Lafontaine's explanation for his sudden and total withdrawal from politics will not satisfy the curiosity of many Germans who feel that something dramatic must have happened behind the somes to derail such a committed politician. There were, he said, two reasons for his resignation. The first was political: "Without good teamwork you cannot work together successfully. Teamwork requires that

you watch out for each other and that you stick together, especially in public, he said.

Finance Minister says lack of collective responsibility left him isolated, Roger Boves reports

Herr Schröder for his lack of public support when business corporations started to criticise the Government's tax reforms. Herr Lafontaine believes that the Chancellor's advisers used the public criticism of the tax reform to trip

him up. When the team does not play well together, it has to be rebuilt ... the new team is now in place and I wish it sucand private life. And now I have made a decision for my private life. I hope the party will understand."

Friends of Herr Lafontaine say he had originally planned to resign in late May soon after the expected election of Social Democrat Johannes Rau as the next German President. The infighting within the Government merely accelerated the inevitable. But something

The heart is not traded on the stock exchange. It beats on the left?

cess in its work with Gerhard Schröder." The responsibility ture painted by Herr Latonfor the Government's mistakes, he indicated, should be shared out equally.

The second reason for the resignation, he said, was his need to be with his family and in particular his young son. "Ever since the assassination attempt on me (in 1990), I have been asking how much further fontaine's way of criticising great burden for my family

is still missing from the pictaine. Politics has been his life for over 30 years, he is married to a very energetic political activist and, although it had become clear that he would never be leader of Ger-

many, he had carved out a big

chunk of power at the very top

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only a Cabinet position and the party chairmanship but also his mandate as a member of parliament.

His team in the Finance Ministry, meanwhile, is being quickly reshuffled. The architects of Herr Lationtaine's economic philosophy — Heiner Flassbeck and Claus Noe are to leave the ministry by the end of March. Together they gave the intellectual backbone to Herr Lafontaine's attempts

to politicise the economy. Hans Eichel, the incoming Finance Minister, is said to be considering bringing in Fritz Kuhn, a Green Party economist, as his chief official. Many of the leading Green

economists are more marketorientated than those advising their senior partner in Government, the Social Democrats. Herr Flassbeck had argued for lower interest rates and a new exchange-rate regime for the euro, yen and the dollar. He was widely ignored. Now, at the age of 47, Herr Flassbeck can, according to German press calculations, expect around £800,000 of pension and redundancy payments for his five months in office. He thus emerges as the main beneficiary of the power struggle.

better and no worse than he William Rees-Mogg, page 20

the Foreign Secretary, said the EU was

only half-way to a farm deal because the

ministers had failed to trim the costs.



Oskar Lafontaine carries his son Carl-Maurice, aged two, at his Saarbrücken home

### **Sleaze** inquiry to name Cresson

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission sleaze saga will reach a climax tonight when Edith Cresson and other embattled Commissioners are due to be named in an official inquiry.

Mme Cresson, a former French Prime Minister, was summoned, with at least five colleagues, to the European Parliament last night to read the conclusions of the investigation which was launched under pressure from MEPs to examine individual commissioners's roles.

EU leaders are counting on the inquiry to purge the sleaze which has festered at the Commission, paralysing its authority at a key time for Union nego-

tiations on reform. Mme Cresson, who is in charge of edutcation, has been accused of nepotism in job appointments and is also under fire for the mismanagement of a multimillion-pound education programme. Depicting herself as a scapegoat, the commissioner has rejected calls to resign. Also under a cloud is Manuel Marin, the Spanish commissioner responsible for overseas aid.

Senior Commission sources say they expect the report to find some fault with individu-

## Ministers return to farm cash squabble

will demand fresh cars in farm spending today, a week after Brussels proclaimed a radical new deal to revamp the common agricultural policy (CAP) of the Europe-

an Union (Charles Bremner writes). l'inance ministers will hear criticism from the EU's biggest states about a £4 billion overrun in the farm budget agreed by ministers. Also at today's session, the EU will have its first discussion on efforts to bring taxes into line since the resignation of Oskar Lafontaine. Ministers are keen for evidence that the exit of "Red Oskar" has ended the confusion in Germany's management of EU affairs

nearly three months into its presidency. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Dominique Strauss-

Kahn, the French minister, are to join a

that, without a cut in the CAP plan, there is little chance of an accord on overall EU spending reform at the Berlin summit. Unhappiness over the CAP reform emerged at a weekend session of foreign ministers near Wiesbaden. Robin Cook,

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Rudolph: in hiding for more than a year

### **Fugitive** blamed for clinic bombing

IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA's most wanted man, Eric Rudolph, is a suspect in an abortion clinic bombing close to the for-ested mountains where he is believed to be hiding.

A large bomb exploded outside a clinic in Asheville, North Carolina, on Saturday, but part of the device failed to detonate and nobody was injured in the blast. President Clinton called the attack a "terrible act of senseless vio-lence," and added: "Whether or not a terrorist's bomb achieves its deadly purpose, such cowardly criminal acts strike at the heart of the constitutional freedoms and individual liberties all Americans hold

Mr Rudolph has been a fugitive since the bombing in January last year of an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama, in which an off-duty policeman was killed and a nurse badly injured. He has been charged in connection with that bombing and in three Atlanta attacks, including the 1996 Olympic Park bombing that killed

Some 200 FBI agents have spent more than a year searching for the survival expert in the Nanta-hala forest, which is so dense a light aircraft that crashed there months ago has still not been found.

## Ocalan avengers kill 13 in Istanbul

shopping complex at the week-end in which 13 people died. raising fears of more terrorist acts in retaliation for the ab-duction of Abdullah Ocalan. A previously unknown org-

anisation, calling itself the Kurdish Nationalist Revenge Brigade, and the "Falcons of Apo" said they carried out the attack during busy shopping hours on Saturday.
The National Liberation

Front of Kurdistan (ERNK), an umbrella organisation that includes Mr Ocalan's Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), denied knowledge of the brigade but refused to condemn the attack. A Brussels-based spokeswoman said the bombing illustrated Kurdish anger and frustra-tion. The Falcons of Apo -Apo is the nickname of Mr Ocalan — claimed responsibility, according to a private Turkish television station.

The PKK had indicated that it would intensify its war with Turkey after Mr Ocalan's abduction in Kenya and his con-tinued imprisonment. The petrol bomb on Saturday was "un-deniably part of that war". Mizgin Sen, of ERNK, said.

The attack, the most serious so far, was the latest in a series of incidents that appear designed to disrupt the country ahead of next month's general election. Last Wednesday a taxi driver was killed in an explosion outside an Istanbul shopping centre.

The Foreign Office will today update its advice to people travelling to Turkey. The advice now is that visitors should take "sensible precautions" and be aware of the danger of going to certain areas.
Witnesses said that in the

weekend attack two men and a woman hurled petrol bombs into the Mavi Carsi department store on the Asian side of

TWO Kurdish groups have the city. A lack of fire exits and claimed responsibility for the other safety measures raised other safety measures raised the death toll. Many of the dead had rushed to the top of the six-storey building as the fire spread through the perfume and clothing depart-ments on the ground floor.

Past attacks in city centres have been sporadic possibly because Turkish police were successful in frustrating the move down from the mountains and into urban areas. Moreover, the PKK had also been reluctant to attract publicity for terrorist actions that would complicate its search for political legitimacy in the West. However, with Mr Ocalan awaiting trial on the pris-on island of Imrali, some of his supporters may feel they have little to lose by staying their hand.

Angered by the blast, the Turkish press registered its fury at European tolerance of the PKK's political presence The mass-circulation Hurriyet ran a banner headline declar-ing, "This is your doing", above a picture of the gutted complex, and alleged that bleeding hearts in Western embassies were already "forming queue to attend the trial of the baby murderer Abdullah

Ocalan" Bulent Ecevit, the Prime Minster, issued a warning that the country was slipping into a "atmosphere of turmoil", but he was referring than an attempt by a group of scheduled for April 18. The group, known as "the disgruntled", consists of deputies who have not been re-selected as

candidates. Last night the Turkish Army reported that it had killed 17 PKK fighters, including the regional commander.



Southern Africa's original inhabit-ants, members of the San or Bushman people, walk on the dunes of the Kalahari to visit an ancestral burial site. Victims of genocide perpetrated by invading black Bantus and white settlers, the tribes are this month hop-

Bushmen hope to regain land

ing to regain some of the arid land now set aside in Northern Cape (Sam Kiley in Johannesburg writes).

most of the vast Kalahari desert is denied to them, have recently been forced out of their ancestral lands on

## Tuscan cathedral threatened with underground shop and car park

'Architectural jewel' is at risk from developers, Richard Owen writes

A ROW has broken out over plans to build a car park and supermarket under a Romanesque 13th-century cathedral in a Tuscan hill town popular with British visitors.

The soaring pink, white and green cathedral at Massa Marittima is prized by scholars and tourists because it has remained largely untouched since it was built between 1287 and 1304. According to one authority, it is one of the most beautiful and richly decorated

churches in Tuscany. Luca Sani, the left-wing mayor, said Massa Marittima only had one very small car park. "Like other Tuscan towns, we have enormous problems coping with rising numbers of visitors for the millennium," he said.

A plan approved by the town council envisages additional parking spaces and lock-up garages next to and beneath the cathedral, together with 10,000 square yards for commercial use. Local reports say a supermarket chain has put in a bid for the space, which would be created by demolishing old store

and excavaning beneath it. Critics of the scheme say it will endanger the fabric of the great cathedral and make Massa Marittima's traffic congestion worse by attracting cars into the ancient centre without widening medieval access roads. Massa Maritima, which has Etruscan and Roman origins, is set in the classic southern Tuscan landcape

rooms next to the cathedral



The 13th-century cathedral at Massa Marittima

of cypress trees, chestnut trees, sunflower fields and Renais-sance churches, with the added attraction of hot steam gey-sers. It is not far from San Cimignano, where Tony Blair and his family have spent their summer holidays for the

At one time situated on the Tuscan coast - hence the name - Massa Maritima is now 12 miles inland, thanks to the silting up of the coastal plain. Since medieval times, its wealth has derived from the mining of iron, lead, copit is taken over by British, French and German visitors, some of whom have bought and converted farmhouses in the nearby Maremma countryside, farmed for its olive oil, honey and cheese.

La Repubblica said the cathedral and surrounding piazza formed "one of the architec-tural jewels" of Italy. "The cathedral is at risk, and could collapse altogether if this plan goes ahead," the paper said. Restoration of the cathedral has revealed its structural fragility, according to church officials. The foundations are said to be waterlogged, and the campanile, or belitower, is

described as precarious. Some

of the neighbouring buildings

have been closed because of

subsidence. Signor Sani, however, insisted the scheme was viable, and said it would cost £1.5 million. a third of which would be met from state millennium funds.

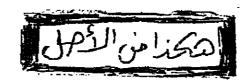
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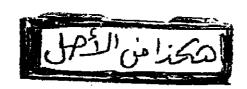
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## Officer, love thy neighbour

A radical training course in race relations is educating LA's

Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles and a group of visitors is watching 1950s' news footage of the American civil rights movement. The soundtrack features a black woman singing "Go tell it on the mountain ... let my people go", while a white police officer bars a black youth from entering a whitesonly church in Alabama.

I don't have to love anyone I don't want to love," the officer tells the young man, who has politely asked to worship. "You go home and pray for your little niggers."

The visitors shift uneasily before the multimedia display - little wonder since they, too, are law enforcement officials, at the museum for an eighthour "diversity awareness" course recognised as one of the most innovative in America today. As they move to the video montage of the 1992 Los Angeles riots, which erupted after four white police officers were acquisted of heating the black motorist Rodney King it appears that the tour is clearly achieving its goal. (One vidco-screen prompt is: "If you were stopped by the police do you think you would be treat-

ed (airly?")
"It reminds you why the public thinks about us in a negative way," says Gary Letona. a police dispatcher from the gritty port city of Long Beach.

police. Now it has been offered to Britain. Sue Ellicott reports south of Los Angeles. "Even if I haven't done anything myself, it is the police before us that

While it is common for most improve its attitude. US police recruits to receive some training in cultural awareness, the museum's Tools for Tolerance programme breaks the mould. The course is more emotional. more personal and, its designers would argue, more effec-tive than in-house "sensitivity awaiting a reply.) Some might question why Britain should take advice training offered by police

"We don't imagine for a mo-ment that eight hours is going to change anyone for ever," says Liebe Geft, the director of the museum, which is part of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre. "But we try to give something that stretches the intellect." Since Tooks for Tolerance began, the museum, a fortress-like brick building on the

make them think that way."

fringe of Beverly Hills, has fielded inquiries about the programme from Australia, Isra-el Canada and Ireland. A delegation from the Bundeswehr. the German Armed Forces. will visit later this year.

After the Stephen Lawrence inquiry, which found institu-tional racism in the Metropolitan Police, and the government study accusing police chiefs of taking inadequate steps to improve police-community race relations and diversify their forces, the museum believes that it can help British police to

Earlier this month Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the museum, sent a letter to Paul Dimond, the British Consul in Los Angeles, to "respectfully suggest that a team from England" might wish to visit. (The museum is

from the city that earned notoriety seven years ago for the worst American race riots this century. They would be missing the point. The Museum of Tolerance, which opened in 1993, would probably never launched Tools for Tolerance had the riots not occurred. After Los Angeles burned, tensions between police and racial groups were so bad that something had to be done.

A grant from the Californian Governor's budget now enables every new recruit at the state police academy to attend the museum's one-day cultural awareness programme; many police chiefs send all their employees, civilians and

sworn-in officers alike. The museum's cultural awareness training differs in both style and substance from that usually offered by police departments.

First, the museum provides an informal setting; discus-sion workshops enable participants to raise concerns about day-to-day police work that they might feel too inhibited to bring up in front of their bosses. Secondly the museum focuses on human prejudice throughout history, using tragedies such as the Holocaust to illustrate the potential for brutality and cruelty within any society.

Participants on a recent tour were shocked to learn that members of the police were pressed by the Nazis into service as collaborators in the perbefore the Second World War Others at the museum were moved on meeting a survivor of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, or when they sat in a mock gas chamber.

"It shows you the process of dehumanising someone and how aspects of that dehumanisation are alive in our society today," says Bob Miller, a sergeant in charge of race sensitiv ity training in Colton, a city with a large number of Mexican-born residents.

Racial slurs and stereotypes are focused upon and one section dealing with genocide includes film of killings in Rwanda and Bosnia. In one video installation, actors por-tray the accidental shooting of a woman in a diner after a group of white men make rac-ist jokes and are drawn into trading racial epithets with a black security guard. The message is that the police should be as vigilant as anyone in questioning their cultural assumptions and should be wary of insensitive behaviour.

oe Levy, a lieutenant with Long Beach police, says: "We take them from a point of admitting that they all do it - it's human, after all - and lead them to thinking what to do with it." As a cultural awareness instructor, he has taken about 200 groups to the museum over a three-year period.

Police officers in Long

Beach spend a day at the Museum of Tolerance as part of a three-day diversity training course that includes candid meetings between law enforcement officials and ethnic community leaders.

"Everyone learns a lot," Levy says. "Sometimes what the police take away is a simple promise to smile and wave more often. And the community leaders learn that we are human."

Despite fears that some older members of the force may be resentful of a more "consumer-friendly" style of policing, most attending the muse-um seem genuinely fascinated and, sometimes, deeply moved. Some described their visit as "eerie", "sobering" and

even "numbing".
Patrick O'Dowd, who has worked as a community police officer in Long Beach for six years, says he will be a "better police officer and a better per-

son" thanks to the course. Some critics may label such an approach as rypically Californian, too touchy-feely. But at least California, the most populous and the most ethnically diverse state in America.

## Three is the new 24, the benchmark of the respectable, middle-class "I am not even convinced family unit, and whether to

have a third child is the current debate among the chattering classes in their late thirties or early forties. Even children's literature is reflecting the new nuclear family: We're Going on a Bear Hunt shows the newly requisite boy, girl and baby traipsing through the mud, while Fun with French introduces us to Isabelle, Pierre and baby Sophie.

A couple of generations became respectable, you had two chil-

dren if you were middle-class 'It seemed sensible, four if you were that bit richer. a much warnedagainst combination which led, it was said, to the dreaded "mid-dle-child syn-drome". Now all

Ryan, a radio producer in her forties who is pregnant with her third child, says: "I'd had my two and returned to work. Suddenly it seemed that three would round off the family. It's

that is history.

Top of recent lists were the use

of excessive force, drink-driv-

ing by off-duty police and am-

bivalence about their profes-

Several groups were con-cerned about how the lower-

ing of standards by police offic-

ers results in members of the

public losing respect for law

enforcement. Others worried about how difficult it was for

officers to speak out against

what they saw as injustices,

especially those committed by

senior colleagues.
"Having the group brain-storm brings it back up to the

surface again," says Levy, the group's cultural awareness in-

structor who supervises such

discussions. "Hey! You're not in denial. These are true issues

that you and your colleagues face every day." When the

workshops are over, the police

fill in their evaluation forms

and head for their vans to

sion's "code of silence".

has done something practical

to prevent law enforcement

officials from becoming desen-

sitised to racial differences.

And in a culture more open-

minded than Britain's when it

comes to "personal growth".

many police officers appreci-

ate the reminders — even if the

catalyst for change was a pub-

attitudes a lot," says one offic-

er with 27 years' experience.

The Holocaust display re-minded me how you block cer-

tain things from your mind."

training programme now includes a workshop on "ethi-

cal decision-making". Police divide into focus groups of six

or so to discuss the ethical

nas they face on the job.

The museum's diversity

"I've seen the hardening of

lic relations crisis.

Geraldine

seizing that last chance. "Since women have been able to control their fertility, we have erred towards keeping numbers down. Now we are getting more flexible about using it to have more than two.

With more infertility. and women leaving it too late to have children, you are envied these days for having kids - so why not take the opportunity to have one more?"

Molly Innes, a mother of two toddlers who is debating whether to have a third child, links the urge to hitting 40. "I always imagined that I'd have two," she says.

## Why three beats two

Having a third child has finally become respectable, says Miranda Ingram

> don't want to leave it too late and then wish I had. "When women had their first children in their twenties, there was plenty of time to think about extending the family. Nowadays we are having first children later, and they are barely out of nappies before you are facing the end of your childbearing years. It's a case of now or never."

Perhaps surprisingly, it is grandparents who greet the three-children trend with horror. Mother-ofthree Tessa Evans, who recently gave birth in her

early forties to a third child, says: "Ten years ago, the talk was all about the popu-lation explosion having more

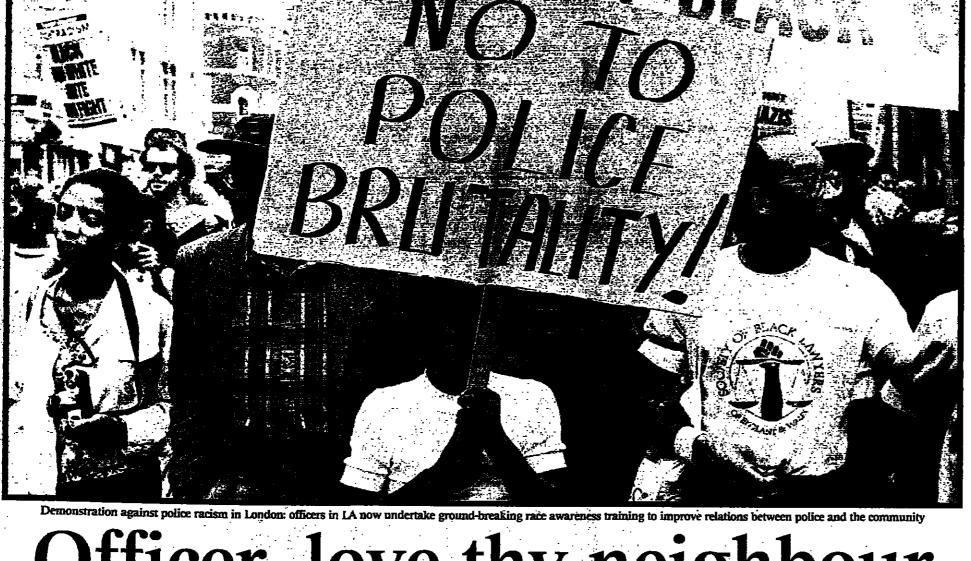
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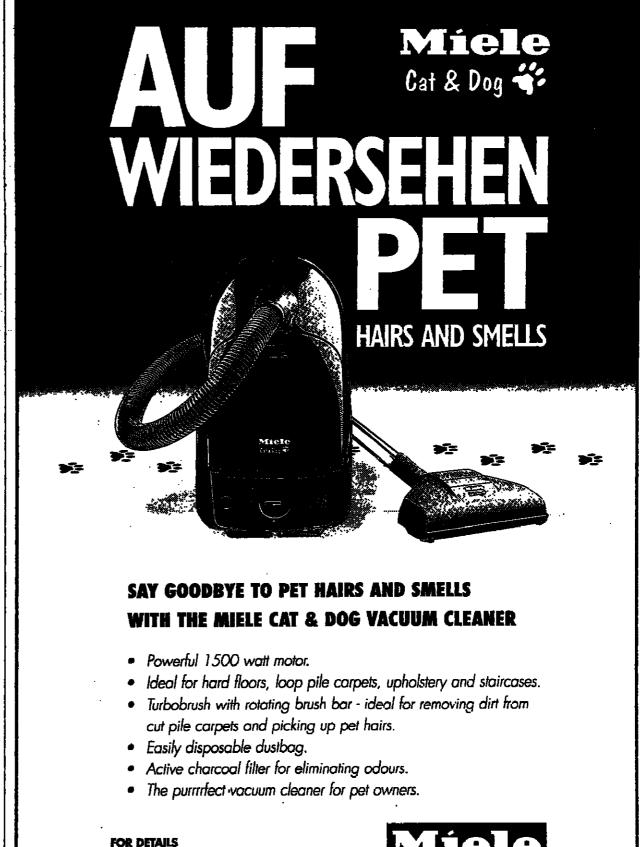
contemporaries. "It was my parents and their friends who thought I was mad. But they are of the generation who urged their daughters not to do

what they did — to get stuck at home with kids." The psychologist Oliver James also links the threechild syndrome to the cycles of feminism. "The women who 15 years ago were aged about 40 were in the vanguard of the fight to reject their mothers' lives," he says. "They were not going to become domesticated at any cost. Today's wornen of the same age are more relaxed about the tradition-al role of motherhood."

Finally, there is the influence of economics. When the middle classes believe they are better off they have more children. Good news. then, for Gordon Brown's







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#### **PARIS FASHION WEEK**

#### WHILE Paris got on with being directional. the tireless search (which started four weeks ago in New York) for some white summer trousers continued with, if I might say, admirable dedication. White trousers are always a testing

purchase but I now believe that I've found the solution to most trouser problems: Barbara Bui's shop. 23 Rue Etienne-Marcel, 75001. And when you find the ultimate trousers that fit perfectly, you will stick to that label for ever. Whether you want cut-offs, narrow legs, wide, pale blue, grey, brown, she's got them them all — as well as those deceptively simple tops and apron-line dresses that you can never find in Britain. I am now on a one-woman mission to get her sold in the UK.

■ THE other mobbed-out shop in Paris is Paul and Joe at 46 Rue Etienne-Marcel, the source of every great catwalk look, done with inimitable French chic. It opened only a week ago but this slim, glass-fronted shop is already filled with hands clamouring for crochet headscarves threaded with ribbon, multicoloured paisley silk halter-necks and embroidered flip skirts. For the collector of the little beaded bag (an accessory trend that doesn't seem to be anywhere near decline) there is a wall dedicated to the smallest brown and cream chrysanthemum flower bags with a smattering of sequins. The girlie kitsch is carried through to the decor, with its hand-painted illustrations of avant-garde shoes and feathered hats.

■ SOME of the New Guard designers' attempts to be maddening are almost endearing. The brains behind L'Epicerie, the hip shop that is beloved by underground stylists and editors, which was opened by two twentysomething skateboarders on the Left Bank last summer, decided to stage a happening last week to stare some attention from the more overground publications. So far, so disappointingly conformist. They returned to

form, however, when they decided to remove all the stock for the duration of Paris Fashion Week. Members of the fashion crowd who tracked down the store hoping to discover some of those combat prints that the shop did recently were confronted with piles of CDs.

RUMOURS of Naomi Campbell's £40,000 levy for appearing on the catwalk have been greatly exaggerated, it would seem. The five editors who turned up for the very intimate presentation put on by the new Australian designer Martin Grand were surprised to see Naomi pull up in her limousine just as the show was about to start — and step straight on to the catwalk. She was there free of charge, apparently, because André Leon Talley, American Vogue's editor-at-large, who is a friend of both parties, had asked her. It's the supermodel's version of downshifting.

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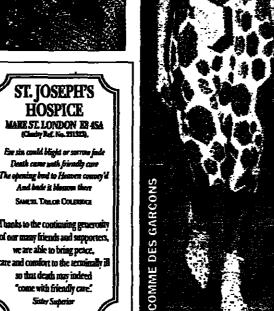
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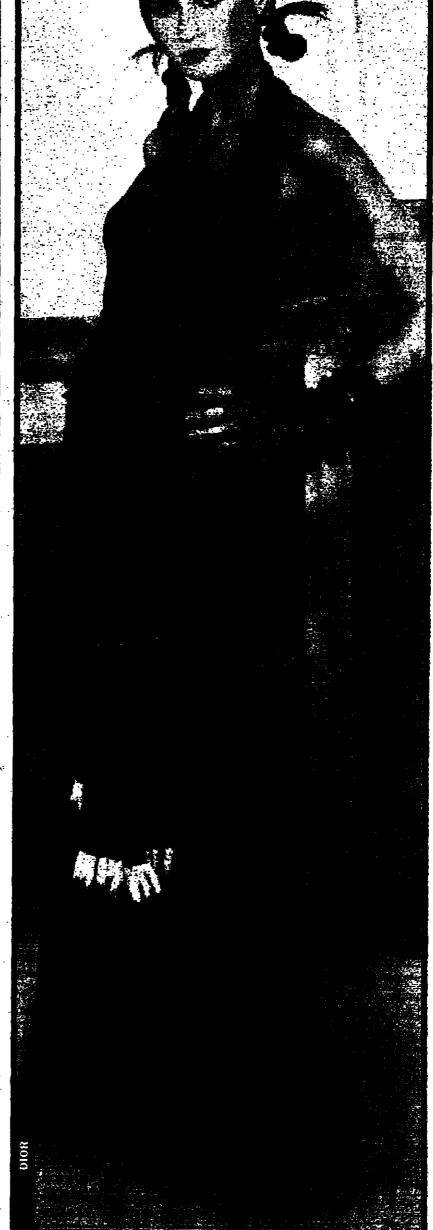




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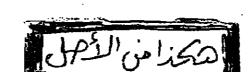
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## sharp tailoring

Blending creative spirit with the commercial world is Paris's greatest challenge. Photographs by Simon Walker and Paul Rogers

rankly, once you've sat through one fashion show in the dark, you've sat through them all. Olivier Theyskens, the 22-yearold Belgian who designed the scary leather ballgown that Madonna wore to last year's Oscars, showed, in a blacked-out varehouse, his version of the "aggro" tailoring that is turning out to be Paris's take on the future. A year ago this might have seemed perverse - not to say inconsiderate towards photographers - but since the Dutch duo Viktor & Rolf had already pulled this stunt back in January, it was just old hat.

Last week's real shock was seeing Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons tackle disco. Watching Kawakubo work with sequins is like seeing Wim Wenders direct Richard and Judy, but the spangles, hammered into fuchsia.

yellow and crazy-paving patterned shift dresses, looked gorgeous, so maybe Wim should give it a whirl.

While the Japanese gear up for the Big Party, the Belgians seem to be leading the way in pretentious presentations. Still. in their way they are a bridgehead to the future - bursting with creatively avant-garde beans and (mostly) not yet

signed up by a major house. At Dior. John Galliano's normally refined vision looked a little tarnished. When it wasn't buried beneath inelegant cable knits (an idea tried first, and more successfully, by Jean Paul Gaultier), it got lost in proportions that looked fine on a oft model, but probably not on the average Dior customer.

At Givenchy the concept was android chic. Alexander McQueen, one of the first of the new generation of designers to lead the way back to strong, savage tai-loring, served up blockbuster shoulders, soaring heels and models who looked like albino robots pounding along a vast. reflective catwalk. That is one uncompromisingly tough silhouette, much of it emphasised with harsh, coloured stripes that bisected the suits like masking tape.

Both Galliano and McQueen came up with more beautiful and interesting work for their own collections this season. Yoking a creative spirit on to a commercial juggernaut is the challenge facing Paris's big houses. Concetta Lanciaux, the polyglot talent scout who bro-kered deals for LVMH with Michael Kors, McQueen, and Marc Jacobs, says that they have complete freedom at their respective houses. "People talk about the homogenisation of fashion, but all we're doing is giving the individual houses a synergy and an infrastructure that they

wouldn't otherwise have on their own. It's the way fashion has to go to survive." she says.

Perhaps, but part of creating synergy is ensuring that what goes into the shops bears some resemblance to what appears on the catwalks. At John Galliano, 60 per cent didn't. According to Lan-ciaux, his catwalk vision for Dior has increased sales by 40 per cent. "But you don't see women walking in the street wearing it," she says. "Dior customers are chauffeur-driven."

At Louis Vuitton, where Marc Jacobs spends weeks agonising about the angle of a pocket, the clothes he designs account for I per cent of the house's annual turnover - and are available in only six of its stores worldwide. All that hoopla, all those fevered phone calls to pro-

cure tickets for what has become one of

the hottest Paris shows . . . for a bunch

of bags. Actually, the bags - reworked as shiny, scarlet patent duffels, wheelie

suitcases (destined to be the status symbol of 2000), and outsize Kellys, all com-

prehensively embossed with that pricey

LV monogram — and those baggy boots

with skyscraper heels the colour and

The clothes were good, too: less con-

strained by the minimalism that marked

their debut under Jacobs a year ago and

more trashed-up, in keeping with the mil-

lennial party mood that dimly surfaced

in Paris. Blanket ponchos were trimmed

with rhinestones; soft leather skirts with

tiny LV belts were dipped in pale gold.

The designer has hit his stride and

knows how to work the details that trans-

form classics into must-haves: a cube-

shaped tassel on a shoe here, a leather

thong belt on trousers there. But it seems

a bit of a con that most are merely props

for the accessories. At YSL, until this sea-

son the last of the great French houses

with its founder still incumbent, the

TRENDS Bootleg trousers;

strong tailoring; futuristic and

three-quarter-length single-breasted coats; slit pockets; dungaree backs;

Courrèges touches. Colours: brown,

rust, mustard, cream and . . . black.

translucency of topaz were terrific.

drama of the week unfolded as Alber Elbaz, the 37-year-old Israeli-born designer, took over the ready-to-wear of this £22.5 million-a-year business. It wasn't great - though one felt for Elbaz at what was a portentous fashion moment. He replayed a lot of old YSL classics - the sheer shirts, the buckled shoes that Catherine Deneuve wore in Belle de Jour, the tuxedos and, inexplicably, the knee breeches - but didn't have the

maestro's touch to make them succeed.

Lovely clothes, old-fashioned though it
may seem, are what most women are looking for. And that may be the problem: directional designers like to make statements; the average woman wants some decent trousers that fit.

There are designers happy to fill this role. Stella McCartney sent out scores of sexily cut bootleg trousers (the dominant shape in Paris last week), Sherlock Holmes tweed coats and her trademark satin and sequined skirts. Ann Demeulemeester showed more of her elegant trousers, raw-edged sheep-skins and butchers' apronwrap skirts.

Cerrutti had semi-fitted shift dresses worked in felt, or wool and patent patchwork; slim, singlebreasted coats, and offered the best slant on the Courrèges revival. Yohji Yamomoto's romantic but mannish tailoring made the best case so far for reviving the jacket. Back in his showroom, Theyskens cuts a sharp suit and has a way with leather that compares to McQueen. After the sporty and rustic slop of Milan, was nice to see so-called renegades revisiting the traditional skills of tailoring.

That fashion journalists need to visit showrooms to inspect "the real collection" speaks volumes about where many French fashion houses see themselves today - firmly in the land of showbiz.

You can understand their dilemma: we have become visual-shock junkies. You can go the other way and show clothes that are so beautifully muted, so daringly wearable - leaving aside the obstacle of Hermes's price-tags - that if you were anyone other than the endlessthought-provoking Belgian designer lartin Margiela, no one would turn up.

Hermes's luxurious theme was echoed on the soundtrack, although it may be that the biggest luxury of all is Margiela's contract, which allows him to remain anonymous.

This is by no means typical of the French approach to fashion. If you want wearable clothes, visit Gap. If you want Paris - honey, go and hire a chauffeured limo first.







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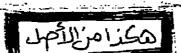
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VISUAL ART: John Russell Taylor is pleased to see Charles I's court painter Orazio Gentileschi step out of the shadow of his daughter Artemisia





Spot the differences: The Finding of Moses, the late biblical masterpiece painted in two versions in the 1630s by the artist Orazio Gentileschi. He had to conform to English (left) and - perhaps more puritanical - Spanish tastes

## Father in the spotlight n recent years Orazio Gentileschi has been con-

demned to live in the shadow of his daughter Artemisia. For the present intellectual climate, of course, Arternisia has all the advantages. She was one of the earliest women known and definable as a professional artist, living and working in the first half of the 17th century. She painted a famous and bloodthirsty version of Judith Decapitating Holosernes and several images of Judith with his head after the event, not to mention one of the most disturbed accounts of the Elders spying on Susanna. She could hardly help becoming a feminist icon. Orazio, on the other hand, had nothing to declare but his edly gains in depth what it

talent. And on the rather unfair principle that one cannot elevate one family member for its timing. Orazio had lection; and Joseph and Potif- Prado.

ing the other, he has been neglected: Artemisia got her big show in Florence eight years ago, while it is dubious whether Orazio has ever had a major show all to himself before the one now in London at the National Gallery, before going on to Bilbao and the Prado. Even this show is not one of those enormous international blockbusters, but, at a mere nine pictures (plus a portrait of him by Van Dyck), it undoubt-

strong English connections, coming to London in 1626 as court painter to Charles I and remaining there until his death in 1639. During his time in London he painted, notably, a group of paintings on biblical themes which hung in the Queen's House at Greenwich and were in some cases apparently designed for their place there. Of these the show reunites three: Lot and his Daughters, now in the Museo de Bellas Artes, Bilbao; The Finding of Moses, long at Casmay lack in breadth. the Howard and now in a pri-There are various reasons vate, presumably British, col-

er's Wife, sold, like the others, after Charles's execution in 1649 but returned to the Royal Collection at the Restoration. The 350th anniversary of

Charles's death is only one trigger for the show. Another must have been the opportunity offered for bringing togeth-er the version of Gentileschi's late masterpiece The Finding of Moses, originally painted for Charles's queen, Henrietta Maria, and the even later, and some think even more masterly, version painted soon after. around 1633, for Philip IV of Spain and now residing in the

side of the composition varies very little between the two versions, but the right is quite dif-ferent: one of the female fig-ures pointing towards a decidedly English-looking landscape has been eliminated, and the other turns her attention away from the substituted, nondescript landscape to-wards the child. The kneeling figure on this side is in almost exactly the same pose, holding forward the basket with the

Hanging side by side on one wall, the two pictures resist easy ranking. The left-hand tanical standards of the Spanish court.

Both paintings are equally favourable examples of Gentileschi's later manner, which goes in for subtle, muted tones and tranquil, balanced compositions, eschewing the extravagant, contorted poses and un-nerving changes of scale and perspective to be found in the early style, when he was strongly under the influence of his friend Caravaggio.

The show does give, in its relbaby, but in the Prado's ver- atively limited compass, a sion is fully dressed instead of good idea of Gentileschi's de-

gularity in order to value Orazio. His varied and international career, working in Rome, Genoa, Paris and finally London, enabled him to be a painter of subtle, poetic distinction, as well as a vital link between the wilder shores of Caravaggism and the ordered hargesone David Slaying Golia-th of about 1606 to the measmony of the great French classics. It is high time we took anured works of three decades later which anticipate Poussin. other look.

One thing is absolutely ● National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WCZ (0171-747 2885) until May 23 clear: we do not have to detract anything from Artemisia's sin-

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#### e sings! He conducts! He's All the got Latin looks! He's the Fourth Tenor! This is perhaps how a fairground barker would advertise José Cura. In some respects. Thursday night's gala confun of cert of operatic chunks belonged in a fairground, for not only did the strapping Argentine tenor, this great white hope, sing and conduct, the fair he did both at the very same time. As a visual spectacle, this took some beating. Doomed heroes galore from Verdi. Puccini and compa-

ny were paraded before the Festival Hall audience, bewailing their lot, hearts breaking, facing death in re-CONCERT citative and aria. Philiparnionia/Cura But instead of supporting the voice and emotion with the odd wrenching gesture or imploring stab. Cura's hands and arms were Festival Hall

busy beating time to the players behind him. flapping tike a bird's though Cura's ringing voice, pin-up looks, leonine profile and CD releaswings, urging on the Philharmonia Orchestra strings or cuing a wood-wind overlay. If it looked daft and es have already whipped up a large fan following. Internet shrine and dysfunctional to us, imagine how the Philharmonia felt, being conall. It took only a few notes of Don Alvaro's Act III lament from The Force of Destiny for some of the man's magic to work: the tone clear ducted by a singing back. Cura, to be sure, has every right to conduct. He is trained to do so; he is as a bell, colour-coded chocolate

also a trained composer, with an oratorio, Ecce homo, simmering some-But his is still a young tenor, unfit where on the back burner. The singas yet for the dizzier heights of tragic anguish. Individual words throbbed ing began comparatively recently his stage debut was in 1992 with feeling: "Piango!" he cried in

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"Sento avvampar nell'anima" from Simon Boccanegra, a hand briefly clutching his throat, shading the repeated phrase with all the rainbow's darker hues. Yet this was just a spot effect; for much of the time, the voice was mellifluous but functional, the man's energies distracted, no doubt. by the business of waving those

Not that the Philharmonia seemed to need much guidance in this concert (sponsored by Rosenblatt Solicitors). The Force of Destiny overture made it perfectly clear we were in safe hands; their clear, burnished tone and dramatic sense was a joy throughout. For "Vesti la giubba" from Pagliacci. Cura the conductor took great delight in drawing out a growl from the doublebasses at the end; an amusing stunt, though for aural glory nothing could match the Philharmonia's handling of the prelude to Puccini's Il Tabarro, soaked in the atmospherics of the Seine at night.

At the end came the cheers, the encores, and the presentation of a notably small bouquet. "For me?" Cura pantomimed. Perhaps the flowers would have multiplied had the conducting been left to another.

A promising voice, then; but a rather ridiculous evening.

## Big band bonanza

NOW that "retro" means anything up to the grunge-rock formula of the early 1990s, it takes a bold leap of the imagination to adopt a sound and style from the pre-rock n'roll era as your musical template. But in the same way the Mavericks and BR5-49 revitalised the forgotten genres of Western swing and the country torch song, so Brian Setzer has reinvented big band music, sparking off an unlikely craze in America for the brass-driven sounds, dance-steps and fashions of the 1940s and 1950s.

Setzer, formerly of rockabilly revivalists the Stray Cats, began his unlikely campaign as long ago as 1993 in the face of implacable media and industry indifference. Last month he was rewarded with two Grammy awards for songs on the Brian Setzer Orchestra's third album. The Dirty Boogie, which has now sold more than two million copies in America.

At the Shepherds Bush Empire on Friday, he radiated the self-confidence of a man who was not just vindicated, but on a roll. Wearing brothel-creeper shoes and a shiny black suit festooned with big silver stars, his blond quiff set at an improbably jaunty angle, the dous evening.

GEOFF BROWN

33-year-old Setzer looked like a cartoon character. an effect which was reinforced by his 15-man band who were

POP all immaculately attired in lime green dinner suits and seated in neat rows be-

hind their rabbit-hutch music stands. In a set paced like a runaway train, they romped through a mixture of old songs such as Jump Jive An' Wail, Let The Good Times Roll and Since I Don't Have You together with various of Sezer's own compositions in the. same idiom, including Switchblade 327. This Car's On A Hot Tin Roof and The Dirty Boogie. Despite the immense firepower of the horns, and an impressively litterbugging rhythm sec-tion, it was Setzer's guitar playing which dominated the sound, investing the music with a contemporary rock'n' roll edge, but at the same time betraying the necessarily ersatz nature of the

While the show was executed by Setzer with brazen panache, his virtuo-so fretboard displays were frequently more about flash than feeling, especial ly on a version of the instrumental standard Sleepwalk where the poign-ant melody was buried beneath flurries of unnecessary notes.

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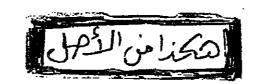




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THEATRE: The stage is in her blood

but Emilia Fox took to it rather

late, she tells Michael Owen

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hen Emilia Fox went to boarding school at 13, she made two discoveries. The first was that her fellows had seen her parents, Edward Fox and Joanna David, on television and considered that somewhat exceptional. "I had no idea my family did anything unusual until then," she says.

The second discovery could have been more painful, as she became aware that her parents had never married, despite maintaining a stable joint home since before her birth. That did come as a surprise, knowing that I could be called a bastard - not that anyone ever did. But I look at them now, see the companionship they have and think how fortunate they are."

A decade or so on. Fox is turning out to be a discovery in her own right. Just 24 and three years out of Oxford, she is rattling through a range of roles on stage and TV which suggest she is one of the most compelling actresses of her generation.

She was plucked from St Catherine's College, where she was reading English, to play Georgina D'Arcy in BBC TV's Pride and Prejudice, then fol-lowed it with another classy serial as Mrs De Winter in Rebecca (a role her mother played before her).

policy 7 In the theatre she played Anya in Adrian Noble's *The* Cherry Orchard and last year traumatic that no first night took the title role in Katherine Howard at Chichester. Just when she seemed set for a career in long frocks, she broke the mould with some distinctly contemporary parts, most notably as the punkish archivist

in Stephen Poliakoff's Shoot-

ing the Past on TV. Now she is poised to take her first leading role on the London stage, joining Charles Dance in Donmar Warehouse's revival of C.P. Taylor's Good. Set in 1930s Berlin, it tells of a college professor's de-scent into Nazism, taking with him the girl who has become

his besotted student and lover. Slight and slender, with direct brown eyes. Fox has inherited her mother's gentleness and just occasionally reveals the gamey grin that frequently lights up her father's face. Everyone wants to be at the Donmar or Almeida these days, don't they?" she asks rhetori-

cally, "I feel very lucky," Her character in Good begins in blissful naivety. "She does not see the evil around her. She is blinkered by the process of falling in love. But by the end she is forced to see the evil and particularly in proximity to the person she loves. It is a dark piece. I believe it is important to have a character who perversely and paradoxically stays on an up-lifted level."

Good was also described by its author as a musical comedy, and Fox plays the cello on stage. Two years ago she also demonstrated her piano skills in the television film The Temptation of Schubert.

"I played both from the age of four. I got all the grades but never thought about music as a profession. I was enough of a show-off to play in front of a few people but it would have been too nerve-racking to go in front of an audience. I wasn't that good."

Given her family back-ground, which includes the producer Robert Fox and the actor James Fox as uncles, a grandfather who was a celebrated agent and actresses who go back a further two generations, she decided on acting surprisingly late.

'At school, I didn't know what I wanted to do. Then I was put up for Oxford. Hav-

seen my parents go through the ups and downs of the most precarious profession in the like an insurance

But once at Oxford she threw herself into the acting Then fraternity. she was moned to Pride and Prejudice, although she still managed a respectable 2:1 degree.

The finals were so can seem as frightening in comparison." she says. She is now proud to be fol-

lowing in the family tradition. 'I did have a few misgivings at first. It has been important to me to get a whole range of work under my belt to show that this is me and I'm not like my Mum and Dad. My ambition is never to be pigeonholed. I was seen as vulnerable and demure for a while but I think I have now proved that I can be strong and modern."

Fox will be seen in April in a hospital-based TV film called Bad Blood. She plays the scrub nurse to Alex Jennings's surgeon. "We had to go and watch open-heart surgery, to get the feel of an operating theatre, I felt really queasy. But at least I didn't pass out like a flakey girl."

Since she has been exposed to so much theatre in her early years, what shows made a lasting impression? She durifully mentions her father in The Philanthropist and her mother in The Cherry Orchard. Then the Foxy grin settles in place. "But the one I'll never forget was at the Unicorn Theatre. Tintin and the Black Island - that was just the best."

• Good opens at the Donmar (0171-369 1732) on March 23

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"I was seen as vulnerable and demure for a while," says a demure-looking Emilia Fox, "but I can be strong and modern"

ottingham Playhouse celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. In the winter of 1948-49 it played to its first audience in a converted cinema on Goldsmith Street; 15 years later the company moved into the friendly glass and brick building in Wellington Circus, with its almost circular auditorium designed by Peter Moro.

At the time of the move the artistic director was John Neville, actor as well as director. He last acted on the Nottingham boards 30 years ago, before he departed for Canada. Now Martin Duncan, the present incumbent, has lured him back for three performances only of Beckett's duologue for man and tape-recorder, Krapp's Last Tape.

Neville, now 73, has hinted that this may be his last stage appearance. The play is also the last that Duncan directs here in his four-year stint. As well as overseeing a revival of the Playhouse's fortunes, Duncan has extended its reputation abroad with a succession of foreign

## A powerful way to celebrate

tours, the last of these being Endgame, the other half of his Beckett double bill. which goes to Weimar to take part in a theatre festival in this year's European City of Culture.

It is a production that can only reinforce Nottingham's international reputation. On Wolfgang Göbbel's fiercely black and white set. James Bolam's Hamm sits hunched upon his throne like a monstrous Grandma Buggins. Compensating for a lightness of voice by intoning his words, the poetic and the ferocious - and they are sometimes one and the same -

he creates a grimly fascinating tyrant. bossing but dependent upon Alistair McGowan's angular Clov. Beckett's plays oblige his actors to become clowns and McGowan's morose agility, the hangdog posture with carrotty hair flopping, spreadeagled in a doorway three times his height, vividly conveys the (just) comic oleakness of absurdly total desolation.

Desolation famously marks the life of Krapp, listening on his 69th birthday to tapes he made half a lifetime before. Neville, with the wild hair and red nose of an unreformable toper, trots round his ancient tape-recorder with a pedant's hobble: just a foolish old man. But as the tape winds forward and memories of lost love assail him, his aghast face shows him wrenched back to a terrible sobriety. His head sinks on to the table, he rallies and stares at us as darkness closes in upon him. He leaves us with a powerful image to celebrate a multiple anniversary.

JEREMY KINGSTON

## Cool under pressure

ust to think of Simon Block makes me nervous. His people bang onstage with their palms sweating and their hearts racing and, many of them, their egos hem on making others feel even more edgy. Only David Mamet. American author of Glengarry Glen Ross, has a better claim than our all-British Block to be called the bard of modern stress or chronicler of pres-

sure-cooker living.

Another of his idiosyncrasies is to choose offbeat situations. His Not a Game for Boys involved a war for dominance among cabbles playing in a ping-pong league. His Chimps was about salesmen who, when not embattled with each other, were busy forcing silicone-based water-repellent on harried householders. No great surprise, then, to find that No Exp. Req'd. his latest play, concerns two spivvish brothers who advertise for cartoonists to help them with their new wheeze, which is to make colourful visiting cards

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for upwardly mobile kids. The play is aimed largely at teenagers: which may explain why it is more schematic and didactic than Block's previous work. He has even introduced a raisonneuse in Helen Schlesinger's kindly Marilyn, a PA or (more accurately) tea-maker who intermittently steps out of the action to deliver pensees about bosses, jobs, industrial

relations and so on. She has plenty to discuss, for happily Block has lost none of his energy. Dim brother Dave (Tom Watt), who is desperate to enrich his wife and child, and aggressive brother Andy (Jay Simpson), who is as keen on power as on money, have a deadline to meet. They are constantly on the phone to their brother-in-law, threatening to "burn down your house with you stapled to the door" if he fails to produce the promised computer software on time. But Andy needs victims. and finds them in Jules (Kaye Wragg) and Clarke (the baldly named A.J.), two school-leav-

ers beguiled by his wages. At times the play resembles an employment advice manual, for Andy contrives to be racist and sexist, a cheat, a groper and an appalling bully. But then they learn that he needs them more than they need him, and take their revenge. The play is not just a big truism, however, and the sentimentality that threatens at the end is just a blind. Block is still Block, and in Andy he has created a character that Simpson relishes playing and I relished watching: a mean-faced monster for the millennium.

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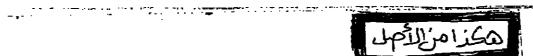
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## **Uncle Sam** falls out with his buddies

The US and Europe are at

odds over more than bananas

urope's relations with the United States have become awkward and Tensions range from trade, via currencies, to defence. So there is a discordant note about the 50th anniversary of the Atlantic Community, to be marked by a grand summit in Washington next month following the enlarge-ment of Nato to include the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. The genuine reasons for celebration are qualified by doubts about the future of the transatlantic alliance. Attitudes have also been

soured by several unrelated incidents, minor in themselves but highly emotive - the acquittal in a military court of the American pilot responsible for severing the cable of a ski gondola in northern Italy which resulted in the death of 20 people, and the execution of an German citizen in Arizona. Moreover, the escalation of the long-running dispute over bananas is being depicted as the start of a full-blown trade war. Such American behaviour is seen by some in Europe as a symptom of what the political scientist Samuel Huntingdon has called a rogue superpower

During the Cold War, each event would have been played down or more easily contained. But the disappearance of the Soviet threat has allowed differences to surface in a more damaging way. The

current malaise is in this lengthy adjustment to the post-Cold War world. Americans and

Europeans both have ambivalent attitudes. Washington has always favoured closer Eurointegration but is apprehensive when it starts to Europe happen. wants a stronger

collective voice and role of its own, yet has often been ineffective and depends on US military power. American support for a larger European role has partbeen in the name of

burden-sharing — that is, more money and troops from this side of the Atlantic, However. Washington became alarmed last autumn when Tony Blair's proposals for giving credibility to the European Union's common foreign and security policy were fol-lowed by the British-French declaration at St Malo about giving Europe a capacity to act on its own where the US might not wish to deploy troops. The Americans were partly

concerned by what they saw as a lack of full consultation beforehand, especially by London, and by some of the "Euro" language involved. Their main worries were over decoupling — that is. Nato being undermined by a separate European caucus - and the possibility of discrimination against those European members of Nato who are not members of the EU, chiefly Turkey and Norway as well as the three new entrants. The Americans feared that the British were going along with a French desire to create a separate European security structure. Perversely, that would suit the growing group in the US Congress that would like Europe largely to look after its own defence, with

while it concentrates on the

rest of the world.

The British Government mounted an immediate campaign of reassurance that Nato would remain at the centre of European security and that there was no inten-tion of creating a European army, nor of creating any decision-making role for the European Commission or European Parliament in military matters. London's close links with Washington were demonstrated shortly afterwards when Britain was the only European country to join the US in attacking Iraq. This was ing the spirit of the St Malo declaration and demonstrating yet again the reluctance of the British to commit themselves fully to Europe, an echo of de Gaulie's reasons for the original veto against British membership in 1963.

As George Robertson, one of the Cabinet's successes, noted in his interview with The Times last Tuesday, the Britinstitutions than to improve Europe's defence capabilities. At present, few European troops can be deployed quickly to somewhere such as the Balkans and few aircraft can undertake precision bombing. That gap is filled by the

However, last Thursday's debate in the House of Repre sentatives revealed widespread misgiv-

ings about the commitment of troops to Kosovo in a peacekeeping role, although it was narrowly approved. Kosovo provides the severest test both of Nato's new role and the revised "strategic concept" to be discussed in Washington - and of the European con-

tribution. If the talks which restart today fail. Nato planes may be attacking Serbia before Easter. This defence debate is

matched by the ambivalent US attitude towards the euro, now that it has become a reality. Washington supports the idea, provided Europe remains outward-looking and does not become protectionist. (Europeans can, of course, turn that point around against growing protectionism in the US.) The Americans want to avoid a "fortress Europe". either economically or strategically, stressing enlargement to the east and that barriers should not be erected to Turkey.

ony Blair is typical of postwar British leaders in being torn. He sees more clearly than most of his predecessors that Britain's future lies in Europe and that talk of a fifty-first state or an independent global role is nonsense. But he retains an affinity with the Americans, both in their economic attitudes and on most foreign policy issues.

Yet, as American policymak-ers often point out. Britain's influence in Washington is directly dependent on the extent to which it is involved in the EU. Hence Britain risks marginalising itself doubly by standing aside from Europe, and from the euro.

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## Oskar starved to death

was, no doubt, more than a touch of the George Brown or, for that matter, the Gordon Brown resentment. He was a frustrated candidate for the leadership, beaten by someone he thought was the more superficial man, who had a better touch with the public. He is probably also something of a manic depressive, as many leading politicians are; mild manic depression is a condition favourable to success in politics. No doubt he felt frustrated to see Gerhard Schröder as Chancellor, a man he considers to have no core beliefs, let alone socialist ones. Yet, even so, why did he resign?

The answer struck me at lunchtime on Saturday. We were having family lunch at Ston Easton Park, a beautiful Palladian house in Somerset. We lived there until 1978; it is now a first-class country house hotel, complete with an 18th-century ghost and a wide-ranging wine list. We go there to celebrate family occasions with children and grandchildren. We sat down at the table at Il on Saturday: some are vegetarians, most were eating roast beef. one was eating chicken.

A finance minister, any finance minister, has a meal to eat. He, or she, has two implements of policy, the budget and the interest rate, like a knife and a fork on his plate. Using both the knife and the fork in a co-ordinated way, he can get the food into his mouth. Without the knife, he cannot cut the meat; without the fork, he cannot eat the peas. Vegetarians can just about manage with a fork only, but beef-eaters cannot.

Like us, there are 11 finance ministers sitting at the euro-table. They all have their own forks; they have control of their national budgets and can push the food around the plate, or into their own everopen mouths, as Gordon Brown did the other day. Unfortunately for them, there is only one euro-knife: that is not in front of them but in the hands of the butler, who cuts their food, beef, chicken or vegetarian, into the same size pieces, as suits his fancy. The finance ministers of euroland have no influence on interest rates; if they dare so much as to ask the butler for a loan of the knife, he gives them a stern look and sends them to the back of the queue. The meal is not a happy one: the euro-hotel is not recommended. Oskar Lafontaine did not resign

Why European finance ministers all

face the same fate as knifeless diners

just because he detests Gerhard Schröder, though undoubtedly he does. He did not resign simply because he has some very foolish ideas about policy, though he does. He resigned out of frustration, because he could not do his job. In his view the German economy urgently requires lower interest rates. if it is to avoid recession. He may well be right. Germany has a high-cost, high-unemployment, lowgross economy. He was undoubtedwrong to want to put up industrial costs still

further, but probably right to want the European Central Bank to cut rates. All he got was a contemptuous rejection by Wim Duisenberg, who was not having anyone as unimportant, as irrelevant, as the ing to tell the ECB what its interest rates ought to be. The separation of

the treasury and Central Bank functions makes the job of finance ministers impossible. How does it work in

countries where there is an independent central bank, such as the United States and, now, Britain? The answer is co-ordination. The Treasury and the Bank of England, the US Treasury and the Federal Reserve, do indeed have independent powers, but they have a common objective of economic success and are under common pressures of opinion, democracy and the national interest. They are continuously involved in consultation and joint projects. They are like a diner who has a fork in his left hand and a knife in the right; left and right hands work together to eat the meal. Oskar Lafontaine had already

drawn the correct conclusion from this, a conclusion that has long been shared by British Eurosceptics with the majority of European statesmen, such as Chancellor Kohl. Eleven forks and one knife will not work. The choice is between 11 forks and 11 knives, or one European fork and one European knife - in short. a single European government. Only one set of people any longer pretend that II plus one is workable. They are the British promoters of joining the euro, and they, to be frank, are lying through their teeth. A single currency can only work if

there is a single government.
This proposition was clear to Oskar Lafontaine, which was why he was advocating tax harmonisation and political integration. He had come to realise that his job was impossible. In this

respect, nothing has been changed by his resignation; the German Government is still committed to integration. Finance Minister's iob is still impossi-Eichel, perhaps a political nonentity. though still a euro-

The departure of Lafontaine is not the victory for Chancellor Schröder that has been claimed.

federalist.

Heads of government who lose their finance ministers are usually damaged and often destroyed by it. Margaret Thatcher was damaged politically by Nigel Lawson's resignation, far more than by Geoffrey Howe's speech. Although they shared responsibility for the 1992 exchange-rate flasco. John Major was further damaged when he dismissed Norman Lamont in 1994. Schröder's Red-Green coalition seems now to be holed below the waterline. Germans detest weak leadership: Schröder looks like an indecisive leader, a political fixer rather than a statesman. It was, in the end, Lafontaine who found that he could not go on with Schröder,

not the other way round.

Downing Street, whose all-spin band has become a laughable feature of modern British politics. also claimed victory, as it always does. Alastair Campbell would claim victories for the West Indies

Downing Street. In fact, the Lafontaine resignation has checked the apparently triumphant march of European social democracy, and that of the euro itself. The glory days are over, at least in Germany; they lasted only a few brief months.

Wim Duisenberg may be said to have won. Germany is euroland's

biggest and most powerful economy; Oskar Lafontaine was not only the Finance Minister, but the chairman of the ruling party. He, and not Chancellor Schröder, was the lead-ing figure of the German Left. Duisenberg and the European Central Bank were able not only to reject his demand for a lower interest rate, but to do so with contempt.

There is a price to pay, even for that victory. Germany needs lower interest rates, as indeed does Italy. The ECB has demonstrated that it will not run the euro for the benefit even of Europe's most powerful economy. The euro is a solipsistic currency, existing for its own sake, not for the economic welfare of the il nations, either collectively or individually. The sacred euro-knifemust be burnished and beautiful; it is too good to be used to cut meat.

efore the single currency even began, the Maas-tricht treaty was a great destroyer of European politicians. The currency issue brought down Margaret Thatcher. Maas tricht destroyed John Major and inflicted the worst election defeat for 165 years on the Conservatives. The preparations for the single currency turned out sitting governments all over Europe, in France repeatedly, in Italy perhaps - though corruption confuses that record - and

finally in Germany. Now we know that the logic of Maastricht is working its havoc through the single currency. Those of us who always argued that Maastricht would destroy the power of governments to manage their national economies now see it happening in euroland. Germany needs lower interest rates. Germany cannot have them: Lafontaine goes, the cure sails on, though looking somewhat seedy. The euro is the black spot of European politics. Who will be next to receive it? Gerhard Schröder himself, very probably. Lionel Jospin, more than possibly. In the end, I suspect, we shall see the black spot on the political tombstone of Tony Blair himself.

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## Mayor's muscle

AS LENNOX LEWIS mulls over life's little injustices, his manager is hitting the campaign trail. Frank Maloney, now negotiating a rematch for his bruised charge. wants to run for mayor of London, and hopes to wheel out Lewis to fight his corner for him.

T want to stand as a totally

independent non-politician Londoner, says Maloney, who plans to devote six months to lighting Livingstone, Archer et al. But what role might Lewis play? "I think he could be very useful in certain community sections," the quixotic Cockney offers, with the diplomacy of an instinctive politician.

SHAKESPEARE out of love. Trudi Styler - Mrs Sting (below left) - has asked the cast of Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels to play Romeo and Juliet at the Globe on Saturday. Ethan Hawke and Jack Dee will also be doing their bit for Trudi's Tibetan peace garden. Vinnie Jones (below right) is still





A CASE for Inspector Wexford. Why does the Government want Baroness Rendell of Babergh, the crime-writing Labour peer, to set one of her "thrillers" in the Millennium Dome? As Lord Falconer of Thoroton tries to whip up intellectual support for the erection, some of his colleagues have suggested that Rendell should write a tale about it. "I am a liaison peer for the project," the baroness tells me. "But it is not really my sort of place."

WHEN Sean Connery complains. people listen. Coughing and wheezing in a Heathrow drawing room. Connery muttered that his chosen airline could do with a no-smoking lounge. By the next day, one had been created.

JIM DAVIDSON, MP. This challenging prospect is being float-ed by desperate types in Central Office who think that the boorish, ly elected to the arch-Tory Carlton Club, could boost party morale. "I can see why the Labour Party

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might want me to stand - it wouldn't work." Davidson tells me. "MPs are expected to be saints, which wouldn't suit me. Soon we will be left with trainspotters in the Commons." He adds, charmingly: They would catch me shagging or something within a week."

CHRIS SMITH is tiring of Islington council, home to generations of feuding Labourites. Asked by his local boat club to lobby for more borough funds, Smith attested that "they are a very efficiently run organisation", noting: "By comparison with the borough council . . . they provide real value."



MICHAEL PORTILLO'S interest in Wagner was cultivated in office. Michael Stern, the former MP, remembers labouring with Portillo over the Finance Bill in 1994 (the bequiffed one was Chief Secretary to the Treasury). "He said politics reminded him of Parsifal. whose spear kept coming back."

SIR PAUL McCARTNEY, recovering from the death of his wife, is feeling karmic: he is campaigning to release a Tibetan from a Chinese jail. Ngawang Choepel was given 18 years for collecting Tibetan folk music: McCartney has written to him, lobbied the Chinese Government and met his mother.

RIGHT to Roam meant little to Stanley Kubrick. As Hollywood's finest assembled for the director's funeral at Childwickbury Manor. his Hertfordshire country estate, a neighbour told me that locals had been incensed by Kubrick slapping a "private property" sign at the end of an ancient public bridleway: "He was a complete pain."

JASPER GERARD\_

#### The trouble with glasnost was that once people felt freer, once everything was out in the open, Gorbachev got the blame for it' man who betrayed his past, who

1991 Mikhail Gorbachev, the last General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, had already been consigned to the pleasures of the international lecture circuit by his rival. Boris Yeltsin. It is fairly clear who got the better deal. Today that very lecture circuit brings a slick, reinvented, elder-statesman-style Gorbachev to King's College, Cambridge, and a symposium called Russia on the Eve of a

This is, of course, the dream event for those who love to speculate on the future of Russia as though it is something that must be resolved once and for all and, fortunately for Mikhail Sergeyevich, the audience will be mostly non-Russian. For back in the former USSR he would be hard pushed to find any audience for his ruminations.

Here he is still loathed as a the party ladder in Stavropol),

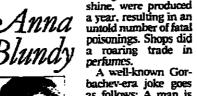
sold the Soviet Union to the West for a few dollars and who let his country disintegrate before his eyes. In the mid-1980s, while Gorbymania gripped the Eng-lish-speaking world, Russians were wondering where the booze had gone. Although there are many and complex reasons for Gorbachev's lack of popularity at home, for he will always be someone who destroyed rather than created, the thing that Russians hold against him more

than anything else is his appall-ingly miscalculated prohibition. Despite the fact that he could easily have thrust himself forward as a man of the people in the Yeltsin mould (born to a peasant family in 1931, the very year his village was collectivised. he worked the fields, lost relatives to purges and wars and worked his way painstakingly up

this mistake set him apart from them.

and Gorbachev seemed to have hit upon what was (and in fact still is) the problem with the Soviet Union. "Our rockets can find Halley's comet and reach Venus," he said. "But our fridges don't course, the rockets are not up to much, either.

Alcohol, he decided. was at the root of the problem, and the man who became known as the "mineral water secretary" rather than the General Secretary clamped down on it with a vengeance. Opening hours for shops seiling alcohol were curand queues stretched around the block. Alcohol was banned from official receptions and 150 million decilitres of



a roaring trade in A well-known Gorbachev-era joke goes waiting in line for vodka. After four hours, he says "OK, I've had enough of

this. I'm going to the Kremlin to kill Gorbachev". A lew hours later, he comes back to resume his place in the queue. "So? Did you kill him?" ask his fellow queuers. "No. The queue to do that was

even longer," he sighs. The telling thing is that there were any Gorbachev-era jokes. There were never any jokes about Stalin. The trouble with glasnost was that once people felt freer, once everything was out in the open. Gorbachev got the blame for it. Suddenly the theatres were producing plays about Stalinist

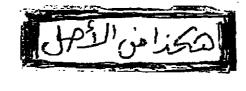
were being uncovered, the world was told about the Chernobyl disaster, dissidents told stories of their exile. imprisonment and torture, the huge-scale corruption of party bosses and the unimagined privileges of the elite were revealed. And the stench of all this rot, with which Gorbachev was barely associated, stuck to the very man who wished to dispense with it by

exposing it. Also, as far as cultured Russians were concerned, the guy was a fake. He had cleaned up his Russian and you could almost be tooled into believing that he was an intelligent, but. every now and then his southern peasant twang would slip out

and intellectuals would fall about sniggering at the country boy who pretended to be a gentleman. Even today you only have to misplace the stress on the word "to begin" at a dinner party and people will laugh at your witty imitation. He was saved from acquiring such a blemish in the West by his brilliant English interpreter, who singlehandedly made his employer seem a worthy bantering partner for Clive Anderson.

Mikhail Gorbachev is adored by the West partly because America sets so much store by freedom of speech. In Russia, it was always joked that Gor-bachev failed to provide food, clothing, security and the continuation of a way of life, but he managed to provide freedom of speech. "But the thing is, most of us didn't have anything to say."

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#### **EXCESS LOAD**

The Budget has hit the road haulage industry too hard

The Government's 1998 Comprehensive Spending Review described Britain's transport system as "overcrowded, underplanned and under-maintained". Since public investment in transport accounted for only 20 per cent of the £38 billion it was then raising in fuel and other road taxes, some may see that as unsurprising. Although rail freight has grown since privatisation, road transport takes most of the strain of moving goods and people around this country. Road haulage carries four fifths of all freight, an annual 1.65 billion tonnes of goods. A Budget supposedly geared to promote enterprise and improve Britain's competitiveness would not therefore, it might be thought, impose further steep taxes on a road haulage industry which already pays many times more for vehicle licences and fuel than its continental competitors. Yet that is what this year's Budget, whose fiscal complexi-ties become daily more apparent, will do.

Gordon Brown sugared the pill with some headline-catching "green" gestures, cutting vehicle excise taxes for "clean" buses and small vans as well as small cars. But the great bulk of haulage operations continues to be burdened with taxes that are many times continental levels; and for 38-tonne heavy goods vehicles, the workhorses of Britain's most competitive fleets, licences will now rise from £3,310 to £5,750 a year. The EU average tax in this class is £1.100 — and £459 in France. The industry has also been hard-hit by the Budget's 14 per cent increase in tax on diesel, which raises the cost of filling a 1,000-litre lorry tank to £644, compared with £340 in Belgium and £370 in France.

The costs will be borne not only by the 53,000 who, according to today's leading letter to The Times, could lose their jobs between now and the next general election; they will be felt throughout business and industry, because they will drive up costs overall. These imposts come, moreover, on top of road and fuel duty increases since 1997 which, before this Budget, were already due to net the Treasury an extra

£8.7 billion by 2001-02. If Gordon Brown was motivated by green ambitions and believed that the impact would be to shift haulage to rail, he should have thought more carefully. The combination of just-in-time deliveries and gaps in the rail networks means that there is no workable substitute for efficient road transport; it makes little sense, therefore, to put British operators at the mercy of foreign competitors whose costs are considerably lower. Thanks to the single market. the biggest companies have an alternative: they can register their fleets abroad, as many now plan to do. That is harder for small operators which primarily serve the domestic market and would find re-registration too expensive. The exponential increase in the numbers of foreign lorries entering Britain shows how effectively they are being undercut. Either way, the Government will lose tax revenues, and

British people will lose employment. The Government should think again. Business has already been the biggest loser from Labour's people-friendly Budgets. The new Budget's "business-friendly" measures, aimed at helping small businesses, are so complex that the chief beneficiaries are likely to be accountants. Clarity about ends and simplicity of approach used to be accounted virtues in Chancellors; the road haulage taxes offer a good example of the abiding need for both.

### **IRANIAN OVERTURE**

The West should listen to Iran's new young democratic voices

Iran presents two faces to the world. One still bears the hard features of Ayatollah Khomeini, deeply reactionary and viscerally hostile to the West. The other is of a people sick of isolation and the corrupt medievalism of Iran's theocratic experiment. This other face is represented by President Mohammad Khatami, whose trips to Italy last week and France next month are the first visits by an Iranian leader to Europe in the two decades since the Islamic revolution. Mr Khatami is not yet master in the divided Iranian house. But his overtures to the West reflect real changes in Iran; and its spirited grassroots movement deserves to be taken seriously.

The travels in the West of this relatively liberal cleric follow an electoral triumph last month for the liberalisers he leads at home. In local elections, they swept in their thousands into municipal councils and mayors' seats, creating new power bases for the young and outward-looking, notably including women. This ballot-box revolt against the forces of Islamist reaction has not unseated them yet. But it has put them increasingly on the defensive.

At government level, since Mr Khatami won the presidency two years ago he has chipped at the power bases of Iran's hardline supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, with growing success. He has had few weapons but the moral authority born of his huge popularity, but he has used that in the causes of tolerance, free speech and greater accountability. Earlier this year, he forced the hitherto untouchable intelligence ministry to concede its responsibility for the mysterious murders of prominent intellectuals; and on Saturday, secular Iranian writers who have been shunned or persecuted for two decades were publicly honoured. The elections added to his successes, returning to politics Abdollah Nouri, a liberal former Interior Minister forced from office by the diehards. The 70 per cent of popular support that Mr Khatami commands suggests that the conservatives' grip on their strongholds in parliament, the judiciary, the police and parts of the army could also be shaken in legislative elections next year.

Iran today is Islamic, but almost "post-Islamist". It is a land in intellectual ferment. Iranians are hooked up to the Internet. They go to pop festivals. Women passionately defend their right to play sports. More than half are much too young to recall the 1979 revolution. They want jobs and enough money to marry; they chafe at petty religious persecution and detest the corruption that, along with a US-led trade boycott, has crippled a country with the world's second largest reserves of natural gas and fourth largest of oil. Mr Khatami has won them over with his advocacy of a more tolerant society, respect for law and, not least, economic recovery aided by new Western ties.

The West, as Washington constantly reminds Europeans, still has solid reasons to be wary of the Iranian regime, including its efforts to acquire nuclear weapons and support for international terrorism. But it is too simplistic to see Mr Khatami's foreign overtures as no more than an attempt to drive a wedge between the US and its more accommodating EU allies. The danger of backsliding is ever present. But he has distanced Iran from terrorism, accepted the right of Palestinians to make peace with Israel, and dissociated his Government from the fatwa against Salman Rushdie. The West should do all it can to encourage further change.

If Mr Khatami continues to modernise, and if he can keep the promises he has made, there is a case for easing the US trade embargo. Imposed two decades ago. it may be too blunt an instrument for the subtler realities of today. Sanctions comfort the powerful handful of Iranians who still label America "the Great Satan"; and if the President is to outflank them, he urgently needs to revive the economy. That will require foreign investment as well as the domestic reforms which Mr Khatami is trying to implement. As Margaret Thatcher famously said of Mikhail Gorbachev, he could be a man to do business with.

### **ON THE ROPES**

A dubious result worsens boxing's dire reputation

The heavyweight division has long symbolised the decline of professional boxing as a sport. Two decades ago, it was dominated by athletes whose personalities matched their biceps. The 1970s saw Muhammad Ali's improbable and memorable triumph over George Foreman and, 12 months later, his astonishing victory over Joe Frazier in the Philippines. Since then the number of "official" world boxing organisations has multiplied. The division has more titles than a Ruritanian aristocrat; and more does not mean better. In the absence of any other boxing giant, the sport has become dangerously dependent on Mike Tyson — the triumph of psychopathy over personality.

With Tyson once again a reluctant guest of the American penal system, it was up to Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis to restore heavyweight boxing's long-lost glory. Their encounter at Madison Square Garden New York City was promoted as the last significant fight of the 20th century. In the event, this putative heir to the "rumble in the jungle" and the "thriller in Manila" turned out to be "unfair in the Square". Despite a clearly commanding performance by Lewis that left Holyfield desperate for the final bell, the three judges somehow produced a draw. Obviously there will now be a lucrative rematch.

This has done nothing to redeem the tattered reputation of boxing. Lest this be considered partisan sour grapes, the comments of almost the entire American press can be entered as supporting evidence. The words of the New York Post sum up US sentiment. Lewis, it said, had beaten Holyfield "from here to London with stop-offs in Jamaica and Canada along the way - and back again". The basic statistics of the contest, in terms of punches thrown and landed, would appear to confirm that analysis.

This distinctly dubious result was a miserable conclusion to a fight which itself was scarcely worthy of the attention. It should have produced an undisputed heavyweight champion of the world but even if it had, the pre-eminence of Ali, Foreman and Frazier would not have been dented. The various bodies responsible for boxing should ensure a swift rematch and natural justice suggests that it should be held in London. Boxing has become a controversial activity, a huge and highly commercialised audience-puller but no longer the sport it once was. It cannot afford more embarrassment.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## costs condemned

From Mr David Green, Director General of the Freight Transport Association, and others

Sir, Among the many omissions in the Chancellor's Budget speech was a reference to the massive increase imposed on diesel fuel. Prices in this country are already twice as high as the highest in Europe, and while the theory behind the fuel duty escalator - by which duty rises by a set percentage each year - may be impeccable, there is no evidence that it has actually delivered any environ-

mental benefits. Add to this a vehicle excise duty which is 11 times higher here than in France and it is not surprising that hundreds of transport operators are actively seeking to register their vehicles abroad.

There is evidence that the huge differences in transport taxation levels between the UK and the rest of Eurone will generate more job losses than would result if the Longbridge car plant, Birmingham, were to close. Statistics compiled by the Centre for Economic and Business Research, published on February 12, show that a total of 53,000 jobs will disappear from the transport and related support industries by 2002 unless current transport taxation policies are chang-

We have a vital interest in the competitiveness of British industry. Distribution is a significant element of manufactured costs and the Chancellor should recognise that Tuesday's Budget has not only failed to improve our ability to compete but has actually made matters worse.

Yours faithfully, DAVID C. GREEN, PETER AGAR (Confederation of British Industry). IAIN HANFORD (Federation of Small Businesses), DAVID HIGGINBOTTOM (United Road Transport Union), CHRIS HUMPHRIES (British Chambers of Commerce), RICHARD MACDONALD (National Farmers' Union). STEVEN NORRIS (Road Haulage Association), Freight Transport Association, Hermes House. St John's Road. Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9UZ.

From Mr Bernard Jenkin, MP for Essex North (Conservative)

Sir, The Budget kept vehicle excise times the level of many other EU countries. Large trucks registered and operated in the UK are now completely uncompetitive with their EU counterparts. Registering 50 trucks abroad would save the operator some £600,000 per year in VED and fuel

The Road Haulage Association has set up a service that took 700 inquiries on the first day from truckers asking about registering on the Continent. The same number of trucks will be run. They will simply burn foreign fuel and pay foreign taxes. Smaller companies that cannot re-register will

Speaking after the Budget, Transport Minister Glenda Jackson said: 'Many foreign hauliers ... are now moving to the UK and using it as a base for their operations" (House of Commons Official Report: European Standing Committee A, March 10, col 8). "We perceive haulage firms from mainland Europe moving their operations into this country" (ibid., col 9). She can only mean that they are coming here with foreign-registered trucks and cheap foreign fuel to mop up the UK competition.

When the Conservatives discovered that high whisky duty was damaging that industry, we announced a review that led to cuts in whisky duties in our

last two Budgets. No other EU country has a fuel escalator. The Government's present policy must be reversed.

Yours faithfully, BERNARD JENKIN (Shadow Minister of Transport), House of Commons.

#### Uganda and Sudan

From the Charge d'Affaires ai

Sir. Your editorial about the barbaric murders of eight Western tourists in Uganda, "Death in Uganda: a successful African state with very dangerous borders" (March 3), refers to Sudan as a supporter of some of the rebel movements opposing the Uganda

The Ugandan Government under Museveni has attempted to destabilise every one of its neighbours with the exception of Tanzania. Sudan does not harbour or support any of the Ugandans that have chosen to militarily oppose the regime in their country. If Uganda has dangerous borders, they would appear to be largely of its own making.

Yours faithfully. A. Al KORONKY, Sudan Embassy, 3 Cleveland Row, St James's, SWIA IDD. March 5.

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#### Budget rise in fuel Fight to end female circumcision For this reason, educational efforts

From Colonel Patrick Montgomery

Sir. Having worked with people concerned about female genital muti-lation (FGM) for the past 35 years, I was glad to read your admirable leading article "Tradition and torture" (March 6) and in particular the importance you attach to education.

A Sudanese gynaecologist who had, ever since he qualified, fought to eradicate FGM at risk to his career, because of what it had done to his sister, told me in 1978 that FGM had not the approval of any medical or religious authority, though none had et condemned it. Neither the World Health Organisation nor Unicef had yet dared openly to oppose it. At that time it was left to a single non-governmental organisation (NGO). Wisely, in 1979 that NGO delegated the task (together with the means and the knowhow) to a group of African women. That group is now running educational pilot projects in 25 African countries, with their governments' approval.

Educational work must be based on an understanding of why the practice continues to exercise so strong a hold. Willing acceptance on the part of women constitutes a formidable barrier to change. Where society demands that a man shall marry a girl only if she has been "done", it will take great determination to refuse. No man will marry an uncircumcised girl and society will have no place for her unmarried.

### Women's writing

From Mrs Gillian Petrie Hunter

Sir, It's all very well for established women writers and publishers to sneer at Mslexia (report, "New magazine for women not the write stuff", March 8). However, Debbie Taylor, its editor, is surely right about the paper ceiling which prevents many women, who may be talented but not sufficiently persistent, from getting into print

in your report, magazine publisher Sally O'Sullivan said: "Successful writers aren't that helpful when it comes to giving advice . . . " I would go further and say that there is a general discouragement by British agents and publishers of new writing, whether by vomen or men.

Years ago, when I worked in publishing. I had to rescue the incoming manuscripts from the sole arbitration of the office junior heaven knows how many Iris Murdochs and Doris Lessings we had turned down! Judging by some of the baffling rejection letters I see today as or not it is happily named, I wish *Mslexia* well.

and the media world persists.

Yours faithfully. MICHELE ROBERTS. 109 Queens Quay, 58 Upper Thames Street, EC4V 3EJ. March II.

#### Laptons for teachers

From the Secretary of State for Education and Employment

Sir, On your front page on March 6 you speculated that every teacher would have a free laptop computer as a result of the Budget (see also letters. March 11). In fact, while there is a substantial input of new money planned for computers, it was not correct to say that it would mean a free laptop for every teacher. The £470 million UK-wide programme will mean a network of learning centres for both adults and young people to improve access to information technology and to raise computer literacy standards.

We have provided £20 million to offer low-cost loans to enable teachers to buy computers and a further £15 million to offer less well-off homes the chance to lease recycled and refurbished computers at low cost. Both initiatives will help to raise standards and ensure we bridge the gap between the computer "haves and have nots".

This money is in addition to the extra £1.1 billion for schools (which should reach schools if their local authority uses money for education for that purpose) and in addition to extra money from the Standards

#### Dressed for success?

From Mr George Webb Sir. As the TV camera panned along

the serried ranks of backbench MPs at Wednesday's PMQs, for the first time ever I could not be sure if I was watching Tory, Labour or other MPs. The government benches now dis-play uniformly immaculately suited and groomed Labour MPs; a far cry from the homely corduroys and red ties of a bygone era (apart from Dennis Skinner, that is). They are indeed a credit to us all.

Sincerely. GEORGE WEBB. 11 Long Hill Rise. Hudmall, Nottingham NG15 6GL

Forward with new Labour.

#### Winning chess

From Mr Steve Astbury Sir. The most astonishing point about

the German chess computer cheat (report, March 12) is that the computer could checkmate a grandmaster in eight moves. I thought that this only ever happened to me.

Yours faithfully, STEVE ASTBURY, 13 Old Road. Chesterfield, Debyshire \$44 5HS. deltaroofingdist@htinternet.com March I2.

writer and editor, I am fairly sure matters have not improved. Whether

need to focus on the attitudes of men.

Once the taboo is broken it should

surely not be too difficult to persuade

young men that depriving a woman of her clitoris is depriving her of her

ability to respond sexually.

PATRICK MONTGOMERY.

Buxted, East Sussex TN22 4PP.

Sir. I was enormously impressed and

gratified to read Sue Fox's interview

with Waris Dirie (Magazine, March

6). I served as a Commandant of

Police in the Sudan while it was an Anglo-Egyptian Condominium and well remember the passing of an

ordinance to outlaw female circumci-

sion. But, even then, a criminal

prosecution could not be instituted

without the consent of the Advocate-

General and I cannot recall any

charge being preferred during my term of office.

ting praise for her courageous stand.

Longthorpe, Peterborough PE3 9PY.

Yours faithfully.

LESLIE JAMÉS,

47 Bradwell Road,

Waris Dirie deserves our unremit-

Yours faithfully

The Oast House.

Framfield Road.

From Mr Leslie James

March 7.

Yours faithfully, G. V. J. PETRIE HUNTER. Hunterston, Donhead St Andrew, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9EB.

#### From Ms Michèle Roberts

Sir, I did indeed say to your reporter that I disliked the title of the magazine Mslexia, but I also explained at some length that I believed the magazine may have an educational role to play in supporting women's writing and that I do believe subtle discrimination against women in the literary world

This would seem to be borne out by your report, which gives only hostile reactions to Mslexia and omits any favourable ones.

Fund for the three Rs and other measures to improve achievement.

Yours faithfully. DAVID BLUNKETT. Department for Education and Employment. Sanctuary Buildings. Great Smith Street, SWIP 3BT. March II.

From Dr Phillip Hallam-Baker

Sir, Michael Barratt (letter, March 11) asks what teachers can do with the laptop computers and modems which are to be provided by the Govern-

If they used them to exchange ideas on teaching and lesson plans they could both save themselves time and teach each other to become better teachers. Rather than the national curriculum being dictated by White-hall committees, it could be developed by teachers who still teach their bject with the benefit of advice from the best researchers in the country. We built the Web as a collaboration

Yours etc.
PHILLIP HALLAM-BAKER, 73 Merriam Street, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143. March II.

#### The headless man

From Mr Richard Lamb

Sir, Like Michael Thornton (report, March 8), I have seen the Denning private archive about the late Duchess of Argyll Lord Denning offered me access to it when I was researching into the Profumo affair for my book The Macmillan Years (John Murray, 1995).

These papers make it possible to identify the headless man in the Argyll case, but Denning made me promise not to reveal his name as the man was still alive. I cannot believe that Michael Thornton was not obliged to give a similar promise.

The most intriguing part of the file was Denning's discovery that a senior Cabinet minister had been engaged in disgusting practices with prostitutes and a junior minister had homosexual affairs. Both could have been blackmailed and were thus security risks.

Denning told the Prime Minister

(and Macmillan noted it twice in his diary) but omitted it from his report. In my book I wrote that Macmillan feared the Government might be brought down if Denning included it.

Yours truly, RICHARD LAMB, Knighton Manor, Broadchalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 5EB.

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### Dismay at loss of legal aid clause

From the Head of Legal Affairs of the Consumers' Association and others

Sir, We are dismayed that the Lord Chancellor's Department has dismissed as a "gimmick" an important new clause in the Access to Justice Bill. which has its third reading in the House of Lords on Tuesday (Law

Diary, February 23). The clause was passed in the Lords last month by a majority of 71. It sets the Government the objective of ensuring that legal aid is available to those without means: of protecting individuals against discrimination on the basis of disability or where they live; and ensuring that the legally aided party is placed on an equal footing relative to the other side. Having promised to set its own objectives, the Government has tabled proposals which are plainly inadequate.

The Lord Chancellor is planning to have these safeguards struck out in the Commons, despite the fact that the equal treatment of people before the law has been central to the thinking behind our system of legal aid since its inception some lifty years ago.

The requirement that legal aid should be subject to available resources does not remove the need to set objectives for spending those resources. If the Lord Chancellor believes that such a clause is "quite unrealistic". then we must conclude that from now on those on legal aid can be expected to receive a second-class service.

Legislators put "objectives" clauses in Bills for good reasons: to ensure that the executive is bound to deliver in practice what it regularly promises in its political rhetoric.

A law without clear objectives may meet the government interest. Only a law with objectives meets the public interest.

Yours sincerely, ASHLEY HOLMES. Consumers' Association. DAN BRENNAN, Chairman, General Council of the Bar. VICKI CHAPMAN. Policy Director, Legal Action Group, MICHAEL MATHEWS. President, The Law Society. Consumers' Association, 2 Marylebone Road, NWI 4DF.

#### Prayer and shopping From the Suffragan Bishop of

Sir, It was refreshing to read a fair plans for the millennium (report, "Shopping is next to godliness, says new liturgy", March 9). Only one thing spoilt your report. You referred to "the millennium prayer or 'resolu-

tion' ". There is no such prayer. The Churches do not believe the millennium resolution is a prayer, and have never presented it as such. It is meant to be a new year resolution. setting out some of the biblical values that society needs if it is to make a new

start in the new century. The reason this is put in the form of a resolution rather than a prayer is important and must not be missed. In a prayer you put the responsibility on to God to achieve the end. In a resolution you put the burden on yourself, and in the matter of making a better society that's where the responsibility should lie.

Yours sincerely, † GAVIN MAIDSTONE (Chairman, Archbishops' Millennium Advisory Group). Bishop's House, Pett Lane, Charing, Kent TN27 ODL March 9.

From Mr George Medd

Sir. Worshipping the God of shopping should always be followed by home confession, using the traditional words: " ... We have bought those things which we ought not to have bought; And there is no wealth in us."

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MEDD, Littlebourne Cottage Twyford, Hampshire SO2I IPZ. March 9,

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From Mr N. A. S. Andrews

Sir, In the Lenten addresses I have been giving, entitled From Paganism to Christianity, I asked in our first session if awe of God had not been replaced by awe for the goods of Marks & Spencer. We now know the answer to my

Yours faithfully, N. A. S. ANDREWS, Ashwood Farmhouse, Mill Lane. Preston next Wingham Canterbury, Kent CT3 1HG.

Budget miracle

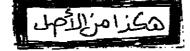
From Mr Gerald Solomon

March 9.

Sir. You report today that "solicitors were rushing" (my italics) to beat a deadline created by increased stamp duty on the sale of high-priced

properties. Who said that Chancellors can't work miracles?

Yours faithfully, GERALD SOLOMON, Sylvan, Pwilgias, Ruthin, Denbighshire LLI5 2PD. March 11.





#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 13: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Centenario Football Stadium to meet participants in a project to support

disadvantaged young people. His Royal Highness later toured the Laguna del Sauce Naval Airbasc, Punta del Este. Afterwards The Prince of Wales

visited the Maldonado Museum. This afternoon His Royal Highness departed by air for the Falkland Islands.

This evening The Prince of Wales arrived at Mount Pleasant Airport, where he was greeted by the Governor, Mr Richard Ralph. His Royal Highness later laid a wreath at the 1982 Memorial in

Stanley.
The Prince of Wales afterwards attended a reception in Stanley Town Hall.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 13: The Princess Royal this
morning visited BICC Factory.
Subic Bay, Philippines.
Her Royal Highness today had
lunch with Non-Governmental Organisations at Mimosa Resort.

Angeles City.
The Princess Royal this afternoon visited the TPKI Micro-Finance Project at Community Centre (Opportunity International Livelihood Project) in Angeles City.

Her Royal Highness later attended the Handover ceremony at Clark Airfield of bullock carts to displace Acta tribesmen. The Princess Royal this evening attended a Reception for the British Community given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Philippines (His Excellency Mr Alan Collins) at his Residence.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

morning attended morning prayers at Christ Church Cathe-His Royal Highness afterwards

visited the Old People's Centre at King Edward's Memorial Hospi-The Prince of Wales later laid a wreath at the military cornetery at

San Carlos.

This afternoon His Royal High-ness visited Goose Green where he laid a wreath at the 2nd Battalion. The Parachute Regiment Memori-al and then attended a reception for the local community.

The Prince of Wales later met residents of West Falkland at Fox Bay Village before visiting a wildlife tourism centre on Sea Lion His Royal Highness this

evening attended a dinner given in his honour by the Governor, Mr Richard Ralph, at his residence. BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 14: The Princess Royal this morning departed the Philippines

Her Royal Highness this evening arrived in New Zealand and was received by Commander W.R.E. Burroughs RNZN Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency The Governor General.

Royal engagements The Duke of York, as patron,

London Contemporary Dance Trust, will attend a dinner at The Place, London SWI, at 7.30. The Duke of Kent, as Grand Master, Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, will attend an officers' meeting at Eton College, Windsor, at 11.15; and as Chancel Alan Collins) at his Residence.
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 14: The Prince of Wales this
a Business Advisory Group dinner
at Brooks's, St James's Street, at 7.15.

#### Nature notes

The first summering chiffchaffs are back in Britain from the Mediterranean. At first, they feed where insects are abundant, often around the catkins of sallow trees: then they move on to the woods where they will nest. and their chinking

song rings out from the treetops. They claim a large territory at first but as other chiffchaffs arrive, all their territories get smaller. Hedge snarrows are sing-

ing their thin song among the out on woodland banks: they yellow forsythia flowers; the have a subtle scent but it does males will often have several mates. Herons are nesting in anemones, with their frail high trees, usually by lake- white petals, are just opening sides: some birds are already on the woodland floor. DJM

sitting on their blue eggs in the bulky nests. Both sexes incubate, and when one arrives to take over from the other, they greet each other by pointing their long beaks at the sky. The sticky scales are falling off the horse-chestnut buds, and the

leaves are showing through, still clustered together līke a little egg. Some hawthorn hedges are already a mass of bright green tufts. Sweet violets are

not carry very far. Wood

## **Crufts Show results**

Working and pastoral group

Briard: Ch Brichard De Venoge, Mrs C Baker, London. Komondor: Karcagpusziai Dorka, Mr & Mrs Ottey, Louth, Lines. Maremma Sheepdog: Ch Rodanna Italian Insignia, Mr R Martinali, Stamford, Lincs. Norwegian Buhund: Ch Olpenden D'Zimba, Mrs C Denham-Horton, Nottingham.

Polish Lowland Sheepdog: Ch Mybeards Dynamite. Mrs D Mottram, Chesterfield. Derbyshire. Pyrenean Mountain Dog: Galliagh Nistos, Mrs D Holland, Eire. Samoyed: Ch Zamoyski Lucy Casanova at Ravbridge, Mrs B Enticott, Chard, Somerset. Swedish Vallhund: Valshep Come On Joe, Mr & Mrs A Lay, St Leonards, East Sussex. Bouvier Des Flandres: Ch Kanix Zulu, Miss K Wilburg, Swindon, Wiltshire. Dobermann: Sallate Striptease, Mr D Gelderd, Nottingham, Mastiff: Ch Darkling Finn Mac Cumhal of Bredwardine, Mr P Tugwell, Liangadog, Dyfed. St Bernard: Ch Timeside Mr Sloba Doba, Mr & Mrs A Davis,

Alaskan Malamute: Shepherdsway. Phantom Scout, Mrs A Allen, Wisbech, Cambs, Boxer: Seacrest Danoli At Carmondene, Mr C Moncur-Drysdale, Edinburgh. Bull Mastiff: Ch. Doxon of the Green, Mr E Thompson. Blowwich, West Midlands, Eskimo Dog: Artik at Seacourt, Mrs J Parkyns, Stoke on Trent. Giant Schnauzer: Jafrak Zucchini, Mr K Pines Douglas, Mrs W Inches, Perth. Neopoli-tan Mastiff: Caleeno's Zappa, Mr N Clarke, Hallsham, East Sussex. Newfoundland: Cayuga Edwardo Four Merrybear, Mr G Cutts,

Pinscher: Swanwite Red Ensign, Miss H Leggett, Ayr. Rottweiler: Amunique King of Diamonds, Mr and Mrs W McInally. Ayr. Sootland. Siberian Husky: Ch. Yabet Tamarisk. Mrs A Lunn, Welney, Cambs. Bearded Collie: Ch. Potterdale Prophets, Mr & Mrs J Lewis, Southwell, Notts. Collie (Rough): Ch. Antoc Crystal Rainbow, Mr & Mrs J Smedley, Crystal Rambow, Mr & Mrs J Shiedley, Christchurch, Dorsel. Old English Sheepdog: Ch. Oakfarm Octavia, Mr & Mrs R Goddard, Worksop, Nottinghamshire. Welsh Corgi (Pem-broke): Foxydale Smart Guy, Mrs M Neal, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

Australian Cattle Dog: Curdeleon Blue the Boy Wunda, Mr & Mrs J Chetwynd, Hereford. Belgian Shepherd Dog: Talamo Luna. Mr J Thornley, Rossendale, Lancs. Colley (smooth): Rowvale Rosemarie, Mr & Mrs J MacGregor Ouorn, Leicestershire, Estrella Mountain Dog Asterel Amber, Mrs V Moncaster, Bristol Hungarian Kuvasz: Ashley Chase By Dream catcher, Mrs T Brent, Brentford, Middlesex. Hungarian Puli: Rockisland Pan Dancer. Mr & Mrs W Fulton, Dumfriesshire. Shetland Sheep Dog: Ch. Seavall Sheen. Mrs J Hardman Newcastle upon Type. Burmese Mountain Dog: Ch. Hildvek Jonquill, Mr & Mrs D Edmunds, Kings Lynn, Norfolk

Great Dane: Ch. Turkum True to Form. Mrs Greig, Perthshire. Leonberger: Manorguard Lady Lisa at Leotroy, Mr & Hanley, Bambury, Oxon. Portuguese Water Dog. Otherton Pure Illusion, Mr & Mrs K Hopkinson, Chippen-ham, Wiltshire. Tibetan Mastiff: Kangchung Winston at Heronsview, Mr R Gardiner, Por Talbot, West Glamorgan.

Anatolean Shepherd Dog: Arda Kanga Laika Bruchhauser Wall Von Seacop, Mrs P Broadhead, Wrexham. Border Collie: Dykebar Hill, Lanarkshire. German Shepherd Dog: Tessgerin Rozela, Mr J Dobby, Helmsworth, West Yorkshire. Lancashire Heeler: Lausteph Wattring Matilda. Mrs L. Martin, Roberts-bridge, East Sussex. Welsh Corgi (Cardigan): Ch. Gowerston Gambler, Mrs S. Muckle,

Day 3 Terriors and bounds group Airedale terrier: Stanstead, Second Strike at Jokyl, Miss O Jackson, Farnham, Surrey. Australian Terrier: Ch Dinky Di, Southern Cross, Mrs S Stoddart, Ayton, Berwick, Bedlington Terrier: Mollora Fire King, Mrs S Morrice, Inverness. Border Terrier. Ch Holcombe, Jack Daniels, Miss C Speddon, Bury, Lancashire.

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Irish terrier: Ebenbeezer Ironback at Irvon-hill, Mr & Mrs A Barker, Dereham, Norfolk Kerry blue terrier: Torums Scarf Michael, Mr R Ramsay. Tranmere, Birkenhead. Lakeland Terrier; Ch Raylos Fire Medicine, Mr & Mrs P Greenway, Newark, Nottinghamshire, Man-chester Terrier: Galchvis Millennium falcon, Mr & Mrs Beart, Minehead, Somerset.

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### **Forthcoming** marriages

and Miss E.J. Hanbury

Newmarket, Suffolk

and Miss S.R. Walker

Mr K.M. Videlo

Marriages:

Mr H. Moorehead and Miss C.T.W. Chan

The engagement is announced between Justin, eldest son of the

late Mr David Thomas and of Mrs

Richard Belloc-Lowndes, of

Ledbury, Herelordshire, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ben-Hanbury, of Cowlinge,

The engagement is announced between Keith Michael, younger

son of Mr and Mrs Donald Videlo,

of Fernborough. Hampshire, and Stephanie Ruth, elder daughter of

Mr and Mrs Peter Walker, of

The marriage of Henry, second son of Mr Alexander Moorehead

and the late Mrs Louise Moorehead

of Saltcoats, Ayrshire, Scotland, and Wendy, youngest daughter of Mrs Fung Suen Chan and the late

Mr Keng Ching Chan, of Shatin, Hong Kong, was celebrated by the Revd Donald Mentch and the

Revd Simon Stokes on Saturday,

February 20, 1999, at St. John's King's Lynn, Norfolk.

The marriage took place quietly in London, on March 12, between Mr David Sterrett and Miss Nicola-

Charles Beattie, QC

A memorial service for Charles Noel Beattle, QC, will be held in Lincoln's inn Chapel on Thursday, April 15, 1999, at 5.00pm.

Mr P.S.H. Lawrence's Mr P.S.H. Lawrence's old boys

entertained their Tutor and his wife at a drinks party on March 10 at the Institution of Civil Engineers.

and Miss N-J. Taylor

**Eton Party** 

Mr A.O. Brookes and Miss M.E. Roberts The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs Albert Brookes, of Camelon Road; Palkirk, and Melanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Roberts, of Chelsea and Norfolk.

Mr C.S. Davidson and Miss C.J. Nicolls

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of the late Mr Samuel Davidson and of Mrs Davidson, of Southleigh, Devon, and Claire, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Nicolls, of Mr T.P. Rairfax

and Miss M. Borneman

The engagement is announce between Tom. son of the Hon Peregrine and Mrs Fairfax, o Mindrum, Northumberland, and Milci, daughter of Mr Peter Borneman, of Weybridge, Surrey, and of the late Mrs Nigel Philox. of Rotherfield, Sussex. Mr A.S. Hearder

and Miss M.K. Stenhens The engagement is announced between Alex, younger son of the late Professor Harry Hearder and of Mrs Anna Hearder, of Highgate, London, and Marianne, daughter of Judge Martin Stephens, QC, and Mrs Tricia Stephens, of Cardiff. Mr J.P. Jason

and Miss P.M.A. Riley The engagement is announce between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Jason, and Philippa,

ighter of Mr Martin Riley and Mrs David Dobell. Mr J.C. Nield and Miss V.P. Joh

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Nield, of Howden, East Yorkshire, and Veryan, daughter of Commander and Mrs Russell Johnson, of Oxen Park, Cumbria.

Lord Alton of Liverpool, 48; Mr

Alexander Bernstein, former chair-

man, Granada Group, 63: Dr

David Bryer, director, Oxfam. 55; Miss Isobel Buchanan, soprano,

45; Mr P.J. Butler, former senior partner, KPMG Peat Marwick, 70:

Lord Constantine of Stammore, 89; Mr Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, 59; Professor Sir

James Dunbar-Nasmith, architect

Right Rev John Gibbs, former Bishop of Coventry, 82; Professor

John Gillingham, neurologist, 83;

Ms Sunetra Gupta, author, 34; Earl Haig, 81; Mrs Deirdre Hut-

ton, chairman, Scottish Consumer Council, 50, Sir Leonard Knowles,

former Chief Justice of the Baha-mas, 83: Sir John Lacy, former

mas, S.; John Lacy, Johnser general director of party campaign-ing, Conservative Central Office, 71: Mr Mike Love, singer (The Beach Boys), 55: Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, 75; Professor Joan Mitchell, economist, 79; Mr Michael Moore former chairman

Michael Moore, former chairman.

NSPCC, 63; Mr Robert Nye, novelist and poet, 60; Mr Ben

72: Mr John Duttine, actor, 51; the

Birthdays today

Okri, author, 40: Sir Philip Powell, CH, architect, 78; Lord Rendle-sham, 84; The Right Rev Michael Scott-Joynt, Bishop of Winchester, 56; Mr Gavin Stamp, architectural historian and writer, 51; Sir Roger Tomkys, Master, Pembroke College, Cambridge, 62; Mr David Wall, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 53.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Andrew Jackson, gener

al, 7th American President 1829-37, Waxhaw, Carolina, 1767; William Lamb. 2nd Viscount Melbourne, Prime Minister 1834 and 1835-41, London, 1779. DEATHS: Julius Caesar, assassi-

nated, Rome, 44BC; Sir Henry Bessemer, engineer, inventor, steel manufacturer, London, 1898; Aristotle Onassis, shipping magnate, Paris, 1975; Dame Rebecca West, writer, London, 1983. The Cincinnati Red Stockings

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Robert and Olivia, a
daughter, Octavia.

COOPER - On 7th March to Georgie (née Hubber) and Simou, a son, Edward William, a brother for

CRAMSIE On March 11th 1999 to Petra (Née Fergusson) and Paddy a daughter Hope Rose Pensione DOBBS - On 3rd March, lo Kate and Matthew, a son, Richard William Frederick.

GUNNESS - On March 6th. at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Claire (née Perry) and Ewan, a denoite Vient daughter, Kirsty Elizabeth, a sister for

URNEY - On March 8th 1999 to Samantha inée Mahoo and Robert, a daughter. Toning Shan

ROUGER - On March 9th 1999 to Nataska (née Butterfill) and Toby, a son, Charles Frederick (Charlie). VAN DER EB - On March 11th 1999 in Christchurch NZ, to Ruth Inde Waters) and Laurence, a daughter Sophle Marguerite Edith.

DEATHS

BEVAN - Lt. Col. William Silvanus Bevan O.B.E. Silvanus Bevan O.B.E. aged 35 years. Passed away suddealy on March 11th 1999. Dearly loved husband of the late Murna and the late Jill, Father of Charles and Alice and a devoted crand(ather.

Cancer Research
Campaign, c/o Diamond
Son Funeral Directors,
Lymington, SO41 0DN. BOWSER - On 11th March

Regimental Association Welfare Fund, c/o Roussillon Barracks Chychester

Charles and Alice and a devoted grandfather. Stepfather to Richard. Stepfather to Richard. Private Cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at All Saints Church, Milford-on-Sea on Friday, March 19th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research

BOWSER - On 11th March
1999, Ceraid Charles
Mather Bowser, Lt Col
Late of the Royal Sussex
Regiment. Husband of the
late Antomette Bowser
(née Budd) and husband ef,
Susan Honora Bowser.
Funeral Service at
Wilmington Parish Church
on Friday 19th March 1999
at 2 15 pm. followed by
private cremation. No
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wished to the Royal Sussex
Regimental Association

DEATHS

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R.N. 1915-1999. The beloved husband of Erns and a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at Queenhill Parish Church on Saturday March 20th at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations for The King George V Fund for Sailors may be sent to Maicolm J Presiand Funeral Directors, 19 High Street, Upton upon

DRAGE - Peggy M, formerly Hart-Leverion and Wachman, much loved wife of Sydney, mother of Peter, Gay and Nicholas and betoved grandmother, peacefully on 12th March 1999. Service at Easthourne Crematorium, Ride Hollow, Langley, at 3.15 pm on Thursday 18th March. No flowers please. Donations if wished to St Michael's Hospice, Upper Maze Hill, St Leonardson-Sea.

GARRETT-KERR (Hamilton)
Virginia daughter of the
Inte A.C. Carrett of
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Sussex beloved mother of
Susannah Garrett-Kerr
and adored consort of
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at Bywell, St. Androws
Church Northumberland
at 2.30 pm on Monday 15th
March. No Slowers.
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Cancer Fund 61 Grainger
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GRACE - Margery MB, BCH.
IF, aged 93 years of
Amberiey, Stroud,
peacefully on 11th March.
A much loved mother,
grandmother and great
grandmother. Funeral
service at Amberiey Parish
Church on Monday 22nd
March at 12 noon followed
by cremation Family patient at 12 noon followed by cremation Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent to the British Red Cross c/o Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Calnacross Road, Stroud, Glos.

HAMSON - Sheils, retired Matron RNTNE Hospital died 4th March 1999 Fungraj Chichester Crematorium, Friday 19th March at 3,00pm.

To place death notices acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

HOPE Robert Cyprian Innown as Robin on Thursday March 11th, aged 83, with great courage. Much loved husband of Roona and devoted father of Nellie, Caroline and Amanda. Much loved Grandpa. Late of the Indian Civil Servica. Thanks giving servica Friday 19th March at 3 pm St. Mary Magdelen, Castleton, Sherbonna. Family flowers only but Upton upon Severn, suddenly in hospital on March 9th. Commander Roger Corbet-Milward R.N. 1915-1999. The

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McMillan Nursing
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JACKSON - On 12 March, General Sir William Godfray Fothergili Jackson GBE, KCB, MC, formerly Quartermaster General of the Army, and Governor and Commander in Chief of Gibraitar, age 81, peacefully after a short final illusus stoically borne. Adored husband of Joan, father of Nigel and Rosemary, father-in-law of Robert, and grandfather of John and Kithy, Small funeral for family and friends to be held at Wilcot Church, Wilts on Friday 19th March at 1400. Family flowers only plesse, Details of Service of Thanksgiving will be announced in due course.

JERRAM - At Torbey Hospital on 9th March 1899, John aged 84 years beloved father of Richar The funeral service to to place on Thursday 18th March 1999 12.30pm at Exeter Crematorium, Floral tributes may be se c/o Co-Operative Funer Service, Albeny Street, Newton Abbot, Devon.

JOHNSON - On March 9th, suddenly at home, Barbara, aged 99. Widow of the late Kenneth. A much loved mother and sister. Thankagiving sister. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst,

Sielewska Dumbar See also o'donnei On 12th March 1999 aged 79, Erica, widow of Józef Kisielewski, mother of

MAITIAND - Ioan Tempe (né Ryder) on 10th March 199: at St Luke's Nursing Home, Headington, aged 96. Formerly of Pullen's End Cottage, Headington, Widow of Francis E. Maitland. Cremation on Friday 19th March at the Oxford Crematorium at 2.00pm. Enquiries to Revees & Pain, 288, Abingdon Road, Oxford. 01865 242529. O1885 2424289.

NOVIS - On 12th March 1999.
peacefully in hospital.
Edith Mary Frances Novis
aged 90 years. Wife of the
late Lt. Col. A.L. Novis
M.C., devoted mother of
Richard, Sue and Ril and
much loved grandmother.
Service of Thanisgiving at
11.30 am on Friday 19th
March 1999 at St Mary's
Church, Meysey, Hampton,

Church, Goudhurst, Kent on Friday March 19th at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, payable to Inner Wheel Club of Cranhrook and Hawkhurst c/o J Perigos & Son. Bank Street. Cranhrook TN17 3EF. Tel: 01580 713636.

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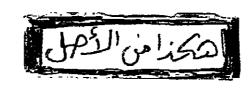
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### GENERAL SIR WILLIAM JACKSON

General Sir William Jackson. GBE, KCB. OBE. MC and Bar, soldier, military historian and former Governor of Gibraltar. died on March 12 aged \$1. He was born on August 28, 1917.

n a career that lasted until well past the normal retiring age. Bill Jackson was variously a fighting soldier. military historian. Quartermaster-General of the Army and, at a time when most men are happy enough for a sinecure, a wise Governor of Gibraltar during a testing period, 1978-82. His tenure included the months of the Falklands conflict, when the usual tensions herween Britain and Spain over the Rock were considerably increased by the outbreak of hostilities over another territory whose inhabitants were determined to remain British. Jackson keenly enjoyed the complexity of such a situation. and was acutely aware of the ambivalencies of the cut-undmouse game which the British had to play with their Spanish Nato allies.

As a fighting Supper in the Second World War Jackson had seldom been far from the action, as anested by his two MCs. awarded in the Norwegian and Italian campaigns. He had also served in North Africa and during the latter part of the warhe went out to the Far East. In 1958 he was to return to Malaya, where he was deeply involved in anti-terrorist operations. He had by that time become established as a staff officer of the highest class, and his intellect was later to make him a fine chronicler of military campaigns, in many of which he had fought personally.

William Godfrey Fothergill Jackson was the son of a colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was educated at Shrewsbury School, from where he went to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. There he won the King's Medal as the outstanding scholar of the year. and later he went to King's College, Cambridge. He was commissioned into the Royal

Engineers in 1937. After the outbreak of war he took part in the British Army's first major campaign in Norway in the spring of 1940. He was



General Sir William Jackson in the 1970s, before he became Governor of Gibraltar

1961, but the next year he was

promoted brigadier and made

deputy director of staff duties at

the War Office. He held this

appointment until 1964, when he

attended the Imperial Defence

College. In 1966 he was promot-

ed major-general and organised

the Chief of the Defence Staff's

annual exercise, meticulously thinking of everything, even

down to the provision of golf

clubs for those who had forgot-

In 1971, as a lieutenant-gener-

al, he was appointed General

Officer Commanding-in-Chief,

Northern Command. In 1973 he

was promoted general on assum-

ing the post of Quartermaster-

General, his final appointment,

He was Colonel-Comman-

dant, Royal Engineers, 1971-81;

Gurkha Engineers, 1971-76; and

Royal Army Ordnance Corps, 1973-78. He was appointed OBE

in 1958, created KCB in 1971 and

His appointment as Governor

and Commander-in-Chief of Gi-

braltar called on his knowledge

and skill as both soldier and

which he held until 1976.

created GBE in 1975.

ten to bring their own.

part of a force which landed at Andalsnes as the southern prong of an attack on German-occunied Trondheim But Winston Churchill, who was then First Lord of the Admiralty, soon perceived that both this and a northern force launched from Namsos were in imminent peril from counter-attacks, and evacuation was ordered.

Jackson commanded the Sapper contingent in the withdrawal to Andalsnes, which was charged with blowing up railway lines and bridges in the path of the advancing Germans. For his gallantry and astute conduct of his unit in this operation during which he was wounded Jackson was awarded an immediate MC.

He then served in Tunisia under Eisenhower and Alexander. During the Italian campaign he was back in command of a unit, and it was as a major. leading an Engineer Field Squadron, that he gained the Bar to his MC - and was wounded twice

In the winter of 1943 it was his squadron that bridged the to the Staff College as a colonel in

Volturno River to the north of Naples, and enabled the allies to advance to the Gustav Line.

Jackson remained in Italy until the breakthrough to the Gothic Line north of Florence in the summer of 1944, but in 1945 he was sent out to the Far East. There he took part in the reoccupation of Singapore and in the delicate operations in Indonesia and Malaya, in which the Japanese, not having been defeat-ed on the battlefield there, made themselves difficult prisoners. The nascent nationalist movements were not at all keen on seeing their old colonial masters

On his return to Britain, Jackson joined the directing staff at the Staff College, and later was appointed an instructor at Sandhurst. He was promoted lieutenant-colonel in 1958 and commanded the Gurkha Engineers in Malaya from 1958 to 1960, the last years of the highly successful counter-insurgency

campaign. With a now excellent reputation as a staff officer, he returned to write to the press on behalf of its inhabitants long after his appointment was over. When the Falklands war broke out in the spring of 1982 and his usually quiet harbour was sud-

historian. Jackson had a pro-

found understanding of the his-

tory of the Rock, and continued

denly packed with ships refuelling and resupplying on their way to the South Atlantic, he revelled in the quickening of tempo. He was particularly good at the business of trying to blind Spanish Intelligence was relaying all its findings to Argentina - about the nature and strength of the British reinforcement

Bill Jackson had a formidable intellect and an extraordinary capacity for work. He drove himself just as hard as he drove his staff, yet always found time for his many other interests. such as fly-fishing. He was twice winner of the Trench Gascoigne Gold Medal of the Royal United Services Institute and was a frequent contributor to Service journals. He also wrote book reviews and many obituary notices for The Times. His style was terse, even dry, but always accurate.

His book The Battle for Italy (1957) became a standard work, and — like The Battle for Rome (1969) and Alexander of Tunis as Military Commander (1971) owed much to his own observation. But he ranged widely across wartime operations and the postwar strategic scene. The Alternative Third World War: 1985-2035 (1987) contained his liveliest speculations, ranging from the collapse of Nato, to a war between the US and its Latin American neighbours.

Despite an austere manner which made it difficult for him to appear relaxed, he was an excellent host and a warm friend. No one who had cause to consult him at any time during his service could complain that he came away without a sympathetic hearing and the best of advice. The outstanding student of his generation at Woolwich. Jackson went on to prove himself the outstanding Sapper of his

William Jackson married Joan Mary Buesden in 1946. She survives him, along with their son and daughter.

## SIR EMMANUEL KAYE

Sir Emmanuel Kave, CBE, industrialist, died on February 28 aged 84. He was born on November 29, 1914.

EMMANUEL KAYE did something very rare in postwar Britain: he founded a successful engineering firm. Lansing Bagnall went on to become the largest company of its kind in Europe. The historian of Britain's industrial decline, Correlli Barnett, called it "an absolutely outstanding achievement", the reverse of

the usual dismal story.
Unlike many British inventors and innovators. Kaye knew how to bring his ideas to market in a realised physical form and in financially viable shape. He had an incisive mind, and could strip away inessentials to reach the core of a problem. He never stopped thinking of ways to improve his business, as executives who received his 7 am Sunday telephone calls will testify. He was a man quite without small talk, and could seem so remote as to be frightening, yet he was kind and generous.

Emmanuel Kaye was educated at Richmond Hill School, which he left at 15 to support his widowed mother. Later he attended night classes at Twickenham Technical College to study engineering. He and his colleague John Sharp founded a business, J E Shay Ltd to supply metal components to larger companies. They went on to buy a bankrupt firm and turn it into Lansing Bagnall, making electric forklift trucks. In February 1946 they purchased a new site, in Basingstoke, and were later to become the town's largest employer. Kaye married Elizabeth Cutler the following

It was a black time for business, which faced both shortages of material and pettifogging regulations under the postwar Labour administration. The shortage of steel led the Ministry of Supply to cancel their building licence, and the parmers spent Christmas Day 104

writing a new application. By product and business innovation. Lansing Bagnall became the higgest manufacturer of forklift trucks in Europe John Sharp died in 1965, but Kaye carried on expanding the business until there were nine overseas companies. 40 worldwide distributors and a peak total of 7,000 employees. In 1989 he sold out to the

German firm of Linde. Though 75, he did not retire. In 1077 he had initiated a scheme to set up young entrepreneurs in business, and Kave Enterprises, founded in 1989, went on to back fledgelings in areas as diverse as steel stockholding, wholesale stationery. retirement homes and computer software.

He was a passionate opponent of Britain joining the single currency and a founder member of Business for Sterling in 1998. He served on many CBI committees from 1974 to 1992.

His devotion to public service was also apparent in his work on many other committees, such as the Council of Industry for Management Education (1970- 87) and the Reviewing Committee on Export of Works of Art (1977-80).

He made many charitable bequests in this country and in Israel, most of them anonymous. He funded a room in the National Portrait Gallery (which contains a fine portrait of him by Paul Brason), and was a trustee of Glyndebourne from 1977 to 1984. Perhaps surprisingly, he was a devotee of alternative medicine, being vice-president of the Natural Medicines Society and patron of the British Homoeopathic Association. He also founded the Thrombosis Research Institute in 1981.

He was appointed CBE in 1967 and received his knighthood in 1974. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

### WILLIAM MATHIESON

William Mathieson, CB, CMG, MBE (Mil), former Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Overseas Development. died on February 12 aged 82. He was born on February 22, 1916.

WILLIAM MATHIESON devoted most of his working life to African affairs at the Colonial Office and then to the organisation of aid programmes. After retiring from the Civil Service in 1975, he spent 15 vigorous vears as a consultant promoting development overseas.

The son of a Church of Scotland minister, William Allan Cunningham Mathieson was born in Scone, Perthshire. He won scholarships to Dundee High School and Edinburgh University, where he took a first in classics. After being awarded the senior King's Scholarship at King's College, Cambridge, in 1938, he joined the Colonial Office.

As a major in the Royal Artillery he was responsible for planning the firing for the Rhine-crossing campaign and took part in the liberation of Belgium. He was appointed MBE (Mil) in 1945.

Back at the Colonial Office, he was appointed a counselior to the British Mission at the UN from 1951 to 1954. He then took up duties as head of the East African department, where he attracted the attention of several governors. Sir Evelyn Baring, then Governor of Kenya, secured his secondment to Nairobi in 1958 as Minister of Education, Labour and Lands to structure and supervise the imminent transition to independence.

In 1961, Sir Andrew Cohen invited Mathieson to join what became the Ministry of Overseas Development, under Barbara Castle. Cohen was substantially proportioned, and the department quickly became known within the Civil Service as the Elephant and Castle. But they were an effective team, establishing aid programmes to former colonies in Africa and South-East Asia.

Faced with intransigence during negotiations, Mathieson could be relied on to make a joke or turn the tables. He carried a small bag of marbles with him, and once offered some to another delegate who he thought must have lost his.

After retirement he was adviser to a number of agencies under the aegis of the World Bank, the UN Development Programme and the Rockefeller Foundation, which were increasingly focusing on education, research and fieldwork in agriculture and health. He managed to cajole contributing nations into giving more generously than they might have intended, especially to research, disease control and programmes to increase agricultural yields.

He was appointed CMG in 1955 and CB in 1970. He was an honorary fellow of Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. His last years were given to extensive travel, voluminous reading and research into early plant-hunters in the Americas and Asia. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, whom he married in 1946, and by their two sons.

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### JAKI BYARD

Jaki Byard, iazz pianist. was shot dead in New York on February II aged 76. He was born in Worcesier, Massachusetts, on June 15, 1922.

THE consummate case with which Jaki Byard was able to bring to life virtually all styles of iazz piano, from rautime to the avant garde, won him countless admirers during more than half a century as one of the most distinguished pianists in jazz. He became best known for his work in the 1960s with Charles Mingus, joining the iconoclastic bassist in a series of bands that included such jazz revolutionaries as Roland Kirk. Eric Dolphy and Booker Ervin.

His stylistic breadth and openness to new thinking made him an ideal participant in Mingus's experiments, and it is largely due to Byard that much of the Mingus canon survives, since the bassist taught his musicians their parts by singing them. Byard wrote down what they had played before it was torgotten. claiming it was for his own reference, but surreptitiously distributing parts to colleagues

Despite a mischievous sense of humour, and the acute car of a horn parodist. Byard was no superficial musician, and the integrity of his exploration of the jazz keyboard tradition won over the most hard-bitten of critics. his fellow musicians. Enthustasts for his playing included planists as varied as Teddy Wilson and the avant garde composer Paul Blev, and he was the automatic choice to deputise for Dake Ellington during Elling-

ton's final illness. Hearing one of Byard's solo recitals. Bley wrote. "He can play

the piano the way people have for the last forty years, and he gets very close to how it was actually done.". And it was Byard's command of the subtlest nuances of the keyboard that made him a hugely influential teacher, first at the New England Conservatory, which he joined in 1969, and then at a range of other colleges, including the Brooklyn Conservatory and the Hartford School of Music. He taught at the Manhattan School of Music

until his death. John A. Byard Jr began his own musical education in a household full of instruments. His father played in a brass hand, and his grandmother had been a pianist for silent movies. so he began piano lessons himself at an early age. He studied with a teacher called Grace Johnson Brown, who gave him a good grounding in the classics, before the Depression put an end to his lessons in 1932.

Nevertheless, his father encouraged Byard to play trumpet tand later trombone and tenor sax) in his marching band, and also to listen to jazz on the radio. This fuelled an interest that grew when Ryard became old enough to hear the great swing orches-tras of Chick Webb, Fletcher Flenderson and Jimmie Lunceford as they visited his local theatre. From the age of 16 he began to play at an after-hours dub with several members of these bands, nicknaming the venue the Saxtrum club? sax-

trumpet-drums. On medical advice, Byard stopped playing trumpet and focused on piano, but when he was conscripted into the Army in 1941 he ended up specialising on frombone alongside the pioneer modern jazz drummer Kenny



Byard was a master of every kind of jazz on the piano

Clarke. After demobilisation. he returned to Boston to study. playing for short spells with the violinist Ray Perry and the saxophonist Earl Bostic, before ending up as a regular pianist for the trumpeter Herb Pomeroy. Boston in the late 1940s was a

horbed of jazz experimentation, and there Byard played with the cutting-edge saxophonists Sam Rivers and Charlie Mariano before temporarily concentrating on saxophone himself with Pomeroy's Jazz Workshop Orchestra. Back on piano, he moved to New York and ended up in 1960 working with the experimental trumpeter Don Ellis, who encouraged him to play for Charles Mingus at the

He did not join Mingus, with whom he replaced Horace Parlan, until 1962, but he proved the ideal pianist to accommodate the unorthodox playing of Mingus's saxophonist and clarinettist Eric

Showplace Club.

revoiced the standard chords of his accompaniments, pioneering a modern jazz technique that is still in use.

for whom Byard

Just before joining Mingus, Byard made a set of discs for the Prestige label that remain among the best examples of his playing, in particular the album Out Front!, on which Booker Ervin is an outstanding soloist. Byard had the good fortune to be in Mingus's band during one

of its most creative and compre-

hensively recorded periods,

which assured his reputation and drew him into further

recording and solo projects, but particularly into teaching. For much of the 1970s, he kept a low profile, though with regular appearances at New York clubs. Then he formed the first of a series of big bands, the Apollo Stompers, which he continued to lead on and off for some years. Most recently, in addition to his 1991 disc in a series of piano recitals recorded at the Maybeck Hall in Berkeley — one of the most audaciously avant garde of a predominantly mainstream collection — he formed a duo with the saxophonist Michael Marcus. Using reed instruments such as the stritch and manzello. and with a cavalier attitude to pitch, Marcus continued the line of experimentation of Byard's former colleagues Roland Kirk and Eric Dolphy, and he proved the ideal foil for Byard's blend of tradition-based technique and exploratory imagination. Their album *This Happening* was widely acclaimed, and a new

album is due for release. Byard was found shot in the head by a single bullet at his home in Queens. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

### **ALAN HARDY**

Alan Hardy, horticulturist and plantsman, died on February 4 aged 72. He was born on April 4, 1926.

ALAN HARDY had a lifelong interest in garden plants, which probably began at the age of seven when a well-known daffodil grower gave him some bulbs. In later life he was particularly respected for his knowledge of many groups of hardy garden plants, ranging from daffodils and snowdrops through chrysanthemums to rhododendrons.

His garden, Sandling Park, at Hythe, Kent, which he took over from his father along with the family farm, contained a major collection of outstanding plants, but was wrecked by the great storms of 1987 and 1990. Each time he tackled the devastation with great energy, bringing the gardens back to the exemplary standard for which they were renowned. Sandling Park was developed by four

generations of the Hardy family. Laurence Hardy started it in 1897. He saw the potential for a woodland garden, and planted the first rhododendron there in 1900: the well-known Hardy hybrid "Cynthia". Today the garden is noted for its woodland plants, many of which originated in seeds from plants in the

wild. The garden has a large collection of rhododendrons, some bred by Hardy's father, Arthur. Hardy also hybridised rhododendrons and one of the results, named "Arthur Hardy", deservedly gained an award of merit when exhibited at Chelsea in 1986. Hardy took great delight in exhibiting at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower shows in Westminster, and was awarded the Loder Rhododendron Cup in 1978. Many other important prizes followed.

He devoted a great deal of time and energy to the society's floral committees, and was much involved in judging exhibits, as well as plants in the trials at the society's garden at Wisley in Surrey. The contribution he made to the society's publication Award of Garden Merit Plants, which lists all the plants that have been given this award for outstanding garden value, demonstrated his extensive knowledge and judgment. In 1993 the RHS awarded Hardy its

highest accolade, the Victoria Medal of Honour, for his contribution to horticulture, and so he joined a small group of husbands and wives who both hold that award, as his wife Carolyn had received the medal in 1989. She survives him, along with their two daughters.

The 7th Baron Newborough. of Rug Corwen. Denbighshire, left estate valued at £20,527,040 net. Brigadier Rederick Heathcoat

Amory, of Allington, Chippenham, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £1.063.754 net. Lady Porritt, of London SW13, left estate valued at £449.056 net.

Helen. Baroness Roborough, of Roborough, Deven. left estate valued at £610.400 Margaret Winifred Hole, of East Grinstend, West Sussex,

left estate valued at £0.052,860 net. She left £30,000 to St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley: \$1,000 to restoration fund. St Swithin's Church, East

William Andrews, of Llandewi. Rhydderch. Abergavenny. Monmouthshire, left extate valued at £3.452.937 net. Phyllis Gwendoline Symonds,

### Latest wills

of Ipswich, left estate valued at £2.014.423 net Howard Cragg, solicitor, of Brighton, left estate valued at

12,042,993 net. He left shares in the remainder of his estate to RNLL Salvation Army and Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Joan Asch, of Kingston-upon-Thames. Surrey, left estate valued at \$1.041.177 net. Reginald Joseph Currey, of

Brighton, East Sussex, left estate valued at £604,800 net. Martin Charles De Roemer. of Tiliord, Farnham, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,395,568

Joyce Lilian Fisher, of Bournemouth. Dorset, left estate valued at \$1,497,213 net. She left £1.000 to the National Trust and to Bournemouth Blind Aid Society, plus shares in her residuAid Association, Guide Dogs for the Blind, British Heart Foundation. NSPCC, Spastics Society, British Red Cross, RNIB, Macmillan Cancer Trust and RNLI.

Gordon Eric Goodhew, of Ascor. Berkshire, left estate valued at £1.807.060 net. Andreas (commonly known as Andrewi Goeritz, of London. Wi. left estate valued at

51,424,437 net. Lois Eunice Grigg, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,129,276 net. Harold Hebblethwaite, of Dore, Sheffield, left estate valued at £1,630,378 net.

brough, left estate valued at £1.478.998 net. Hosnital NHS Trust. Maurice Lass, of London NW6, left estate valued at £1,428,531 net. He left his residuary estate in trust for Jewish Care.

Henry Lewis, of Woodford Green, Essex, left estate valued at £1,050,410 net. NEW YORK, March 14 Wallace Newnham, of Claverdon. Warwickshire, left estate

valued at £1,116,207 net. Maire Pottinger, of Willenhall, West Midlands, left estate valued at £1,087,355 net. Joyce Evelyn Peal, of Christchurch, Dorset, left estate valued at £1.181.926 net. She left shares in her estate to RNLI, RSPCA, RNIB, Salvation

Army, Barnardo's, Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Scope. James Martin Puddle, of Twickenham, Middlesex, left estate valued at £1.712.248 net. Cecilia Mary Sutcliffe. of Great Broughton, Middles-

She left £5.000 to North Yorkshire branch, British Red Cross, and to South Tees branch, NSPCC: 52,000 to Sue Ryder Foundation; and EL,000 to Gardeners' Benevolent Society and to DGAA Homelife.

#### THE NEW PLANET

The discovery of a new planet beyond Neptune was the result of 25 years' systematic search by the staff of the Lowell Obervatory at Flagstaff, Arizona, which began when Dr Percival Lowell, the founder of the Observa-tory, calculated that irregularities in the movements of Neptune indicated the presence of a body beyond that planet. A search of the skies by photograph was started then in accordance with Dr Lowell's calculations, and

has continued to this day.

Early last year, according to the announcement made by the Observatory yesterday, the Lawrence Lowell telescope, a highly efficient special instrument for the search, was put in operation. Some weeks ago (January 21) an object was detected by telescopic photography on a plate, which has since been carefully ed. It has been observed photographical ly with the large Lowell reflector by Mr C. O. Lampland, and it has been observed visually with the large refractor by various members of the staff. All the observations indicate that the object is the one which Dr Lowell saw mathematically. Two years before his death Dr Lowell published his "Memoir on a Trans-Neptunian Planer", in which he called

### ON THIS DAY

March 15, 1930 **经企业** 

After the spectacular space triumphs of recent times, the discovery, more than 60 years ago, of a not-very-visible planet (Pluto) may seem pretty small beer, but it gave astronomers plenty to talk about at the time.

the body yet to be discovered "Planet X." Referring to one of his mathematical calculations, he wrote, "It indicates the existence of an unknown body with a mass between those of Neptune and of the Earth, with a visibility of 12-13 magnitude, according to the albedo, and a disk of more than one second in diameter."

The Harvard astronomers believe that because of its tremendous distance from the. Sun it receives the light of the Sun with a brilliancy at most hardly exceeding that of moonlight, and they put the time it takes to go

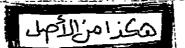
round the Sun at not less than 330 years. The distance of Planet X from the Sun has been estimated at Flagstaff as 45 times the distance of the Earth from the Sun. or 4,185,000,000 miles. It will be at least a month before the actual size and mass of the planet can be roughly determined, and probably several months before an accurate measure ment of its dimensions may be had.

Yesterday - when the announcement was made of the discovery of the planet which Dr Lowell had predicted would be found — was the birthday of the late astronomer.

The report from Lowell University of the discovery of a new planet was received with interest by astronomers in this country yesterday, and though confirmation cannot be obtained yet either from old photographs or by new observations at English observatories. there is a general tendency to accept the news as authentic, since it agrees with predictions already made and based on the disturbance of the planet Uranus, and in a lesser degree that

Observation is the more difficult because the planet is reported to be in a very thick part of the Milky Way. Sir Frank Dyson, the Astronomer Royal, said yesterday that its existence had been suspected for some time. having been deduced chiefly from the movements of Uranus.

of Neptune.



#### NEWS

#### Lorry tax could cost 50,000 jobs

■ British industry today delivers a severe post-Budget warning to the Government that its transport taxation policies could cost 50,000 jobs in three years and drive haulage companies abroad.

The country's leading industrial organisations have united to condemn Gordon Brown's big increases in fuel costs and taxes on commercial vehicles...

#### Murdered airl was 'wonderful daughter'

■ The distraught parents of a murdered 17-year-old beautician, whose body was discovered in woodland on the edge of a Leicestershire village, told yesterday of the loss of a "wonderful" daughter. Police believe Rebecca Groves was sexually assaulted and strangled as she walked home from a pub in the village of Thringstone. ... Pages 1, 3

#### Boxing draw furore

American commentators joined the thousands of British boxing fans who made the trip to New York in denouncing the draw declared between Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield ...... Pages 1, 5

#### Labour 'not ready'

Tony Blair has been warned that thousands of Labour seats are at risk in the looming elections because the party's machine is not geared up for the fight ..... Page 2

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Violin could be a fake The authenticity of one of the greatest violins made by Antonio Stradivari has been called into question. The violin is owned by an Oxford museum..... .....Page 4

### Channel delays loom

Channel truckers and tourists face delays today as Calais port workers demonstrate over the threatened ending of duty free. The protesters are planning to block ferries and trains .... Page 4

#### Pinochet ruling near

The seven Law Lords deliberating on the fate of General Augusto Pinochet will announce the date of their ruling this week after

#### Treasures threatened

Thousands of national treasures could be sold off and exported overseas following new Treasury rules forcing owners to allow the public unfettered access to view the property... ...Page 9

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William Hague is headed for a rift with local Tory chiefs after they overwhelmingly backed plans to force MPs to seek reselection by secret ballot ...... Page 10

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talks began as three bomb attacks left seven dead ...... .... Page 12 Lafontaine lashes out An embittered Oskar Lafontaine

#### broke his silence for the first time since resigning from the Finance Ministry and accused Gerhard Schröder's team of letting him

Ocalan revenge fears Two Kurdish groups have claimed responsibility for the firebombing of an Istanbul shopping complex in which 13 people died, raising lears of more terrorist acts wrestling with a complex split of in retaliation for the abduction of 

#### Magistrates get their hands dirty

An advertising campaign to recruit more working class people as magistrates and to rid the occupation of its blue-rinse image is launched today. Although there are no figures to provide an employment breakdown of the 30,000 magistrates in England and Wales, few are believed to come from manual jobs, where it is has always been harder to get time off......Page 8



Kieron Clarke, the start marshall, eyes the skies at the British Snowboarding Association's Scottish championships in the Cairngorms

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and tape recorder, Krapp's Last

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IN THE TIMES

Miriam Makeba returns

to Britain for the first

time in five years,

no longer an exile

from her homeland

Electronic tagging:

SW wind, slowly easing. Max 12C (54F)

Abordeen: windy with patchy rain over
hils at first, but brightening up along coest.
Strong S wind, turning SW and easing: Max
12C (54F).

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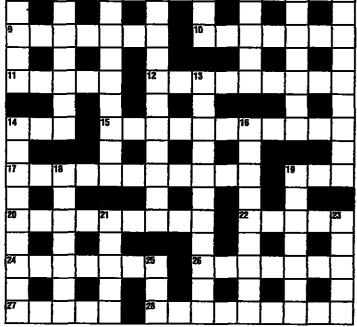
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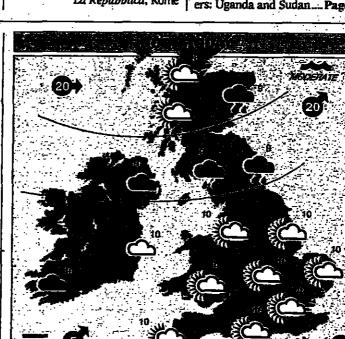
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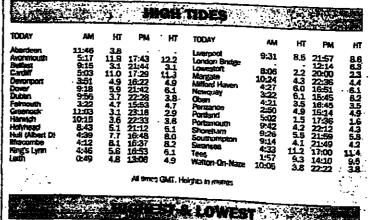
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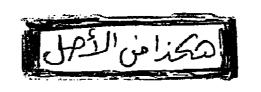


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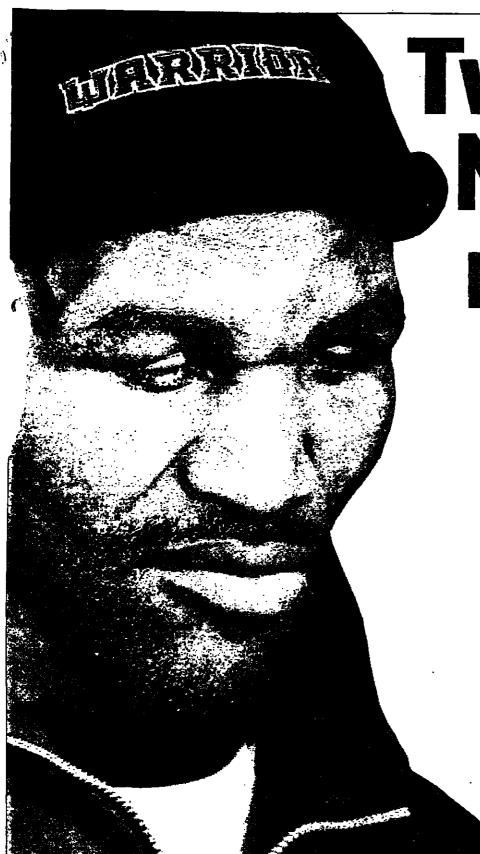




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Michael Hourigan hopes to strike Festival gold page 38

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Two hurt in New York mugging

> THE CRIME FIGURES HOLYFIELD LEWIS

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Lennox Lewis was robbed of the world heavyweight title

by flawed judging. Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, examines an outrageous case of theft in New York

feat by Oliver McCall five ears ago. He met Evander Holyfield for the undisputed world heavyweight title here at Madison Square Garden on announced, Lewis was so sur-Saturday and beat the IBF and prised that he dropped his WBA champion out of sight. head on the shoulders of a cor-But when the result was annerman and shook it over and nounced, Lewis, the WBC over again in disbelief. But. champion, was shocked to after the decision, even those find he had been cheated of the in the crowd who had made the contest a draw agreed that unified title by the judges calling the contest a draw. It was Lewis had gained a moral mainly the work of one judge victory.

Lewis an-

swered every question his severest critics

have asked of him

ever since his second-round de-

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have been damaged by such a

Lewis, 33, could have lost the

that of many others - he was

clearly the winner by nine

field, in the process, a lesson in

Holyfield, who was supposed

to dominate close in, inside

When the scorecards were

gathered up from the three

judges - Larry O'Connell, of

ritain. Stanley Christodou-Ju. of South Africa. and

Eugenia Williams, of the Unit-

ed States - and a draw was

rounds to three, giving Holy-

the finer points of boxing strategy. He outmanoeuvred

and outside.

There is no way in which

controversial outcome.

who was not watching the same fight not seen by 300 mil-"I'm so disappointed," Lewis said. "It was my time to shine and they ripped me off." Then, with typical modesty, he ON OTHER PAGES handed the credit for his victory to his trainer Emanuel Fans' disgust Steward, "He is a great train-Judging row er. He's a trainer of champi-

ons."
So disgusted was the anchorman of the TVKO pay-perpresentation by the view result, that Jim Lampley was moved to say "Boxing's cesspool opened up to give an unconscionable odour". To the lion people all over the world. American public he said: "You The decision was a travesty have seen the fight. Lennox and will only serve to confirm the belief that the detractors of Lewis was the winner and two boxing have always held, that judges converted it to a draw. Lennox won it in every way it is not so much a sport as a racket for keeping sleazy lumiimaginable. The draw means naries in business. Both the there is no undisputed champion but there should be." champion and the challenger

If apology was needed for the unjustified ridicule and scorn that American boxing writers have poured on Lewis. contest. On my scoring — and it was given in a moving tribute by the country's top boxing commentator. Larry

Merchant. He said on television: "It is almost beyond a stench. Lennox Lewis suffered so many slings and arrows in America. He has had a really wonderful career and despite being the best fighter in the heavyweight division he has been shamelessly avoided by everyone in this decade.

"He came here to fight the best of the best right now, decithroughout, beat Holyfield up and didn't get a decision. I'm ashamed as a boxing fan and as an American who has seen this foreigner take so much stuff from the other people simply because he is not American. His great moment of glo-

ry was taken away from him." Don King, who is Holyfield's promoter, yesterday called for an immediate re-

match to resolve the dispute. While the idea seems a good one because it would prevent the world organisations from putting forward unworthy mandatory contenders, the bout is unlikely to happen.

Yesterday the three boxing bodies - the International Boxing Federation (IBF), the World Boxing Association (WBA) and the World Boxing



Lewis claims victory, only to be denied by the judges

Council (WBC) - agreed that a rematch should take place as soon as possible, though this would not be before the autumn. However, it would be against their rules, which require Holyfield, 36, to have one contest before a rematch is

But Seth Abraham, the head of Time Warner Sport, is against the idea. He was happy for Lewis to hold his next de-fence in London in July if he won the undisputed title, but he says he will not entertain a Lewis-Holyfield rematch.

braham said: "Holyfield has to make a mandatory defence against Henry Akinwande. Let him do that first." No doubt Abraham realises that Lewis's demand for a rematch will be far greater than the £10 million that he received against Holyfield's £18 million for Saturday's fight, now that he is universally accepted as the people's champion. Meanwhile, Akinwande, another British boxer, was indicating yesterday that he might be willing to stand aside if circumstances were

The statistics of the Holyfield-Lewis contest will cause questions to be asked as to how Williams, the American judge who gave the contest to Holyfield on points, 115-113, and O'Connell, who scored the fight even at 115-115 came to their conclusions. Lewis threw a total of 613 punches and Holyfield 385. Lewis landed 348 of those. Holyfield only 130; 187 of Lewis's jabs connected while only 52 of Holyfield's got through. And of the power punches. Lewis came out on

top by 161 to 78. in no round did Holyfield

land more blows than Lewis and in five rounds Holyfield did not connect with more than nine punches, while Lewis's tally went into the twenties and thirties for all the

rounds but the first. It was lucky for Lewis that he did not lose the twelfth and final round because, in spite of winning the whole contest by a wide margin in the eyes of the crowd. Holyfield would have been declared the winner if Lewis had lost that round. That would have been unbearable for the British

Dino Duva, Lewis's co-pro-moter, said he had been unhappy with the appointment of Williams and had tried to have her replaced. "She's very experienced," Duva said, "very experienced in making bad decisions." Lewis's promoter, Panos Eliades, wanted to know how it was possible that the WBC had put forward O'Connell as a judge when only recently he had officiated at the contest between Oscar de la Hoya and Ike Quartey. "Surely there should be rota-tion of judges." he said. In fact, in that fight O'Connell was the one judge that gave Quarty the

The victory for Lewis, and it was a victory no matter what the judges say, gave me greater pleasure than any boxing match I have seen, including the one in which Holyfield exposed Mike Tyson. This is not only because it has ended all the jokes about British heavyweights being of the hori-zontal variety but also brought to an end American domination of the division that has lasted a hundred years.

But most of all I am pleased for Lewis for it was a personal triumph over his American critics. Perhaps, like the way they had to change their tune about another man in another time. Muhammed Ali, when he became the people's champion after his defeat by Joe Frazier in 1971, the Americans will at last show Lewis some YOU'VE GOT TO BE MAD TO pay twice as much AS YOU NEED TO for phone calls.



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## Keepers of the flame must renew allegiances



Williams learns

about self-belief

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA

changes to my game if I want-

ed to get to the top level," she

weeks ago, before I won in Paris, when I realised that I

cun't keep going out there and

losing to people I should beat

if I want to be a top player."

many players go into a match

against Graf thinking they really ought to win. For the

first set on Saturday, Williams's sheer power was stag-gering. She hammered the

Graf second service, standing

a vard inside the baseline and

waiting to leather the ball into

Only in the second set did

Williams let up. Her service went off the boil slightly and

Graf took full advantage and

another break at the start of

the third set had her heading

for the title until Williams

called for an injury time-out

after three games because of a

knee problem. Five games

later Williams had levelled

the scores and a few minutes

later a couple of forehand

errors cost Graf the match.

That is as maybe but not

"It was about three

ALL THINGS considered. it

does not seem like much of a

prize - Serena Williams wins

the biggest title of her career. beating one of the greatest

champions of the women's

game, her second successive

tournament victory taking her

winning streak to 11 matches

take her to McDonald's.

and her father promises to

Still, the 17-year-old seemed happy enough. On Saturday Williams defeated Steffi Graf

6-3, 3-6, 7-5 to win the Evert

Cup, so pocketing a cheque for \$200,000 - more than

enough to buy burgers for the

From being a promising and powerful hopeful Wil-

tiams has suddenly grown up.

In the last few weeks she has proved that she has what it

takes to be a champion. The

physique and the athleticism

were never in doubt - but

now she has the belief and the

application to fight, to dig her-

self out of trouble and, ulti-

mately, to win. And it shows.

"I think I realised one day

in practice that I had to make

whole family.

n its 10t-year history, the Inter-national Olympic Committee (IOC) has survived many crises, including wars, terrorist attacks, howeous, drugs scandals, political interference and rampant commercialism. Yet, this week, in its nome city of Lausanne, the IOC faces the most serious threat yet to

ils existence. Just as King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table successfully fended off their external enemies, only to succumb to feuding among their own ranks, so the very fabric of the Olympic movement is now threataned by some of the IOC members themselves, the men and women ing the ideals of the Games.

The world of sport is watching and waiting with concern and expectation. At least six members face expulsion at the 106th session on Wednesday and Thursday - a vote that requires a two-thirds majority of the 110 remaining IOC members. Four have resigned already over the same bribery allegations when Salt Lake City

The future of the Olympic movement is at stake this week. John Goodbody looks

at the issues to be addressed if the Games are to survive scandal and corruption

secured the 2002 Winter Olympics. The outcry over the selection of sites for the Games was always a scandal waiting to happen. In 1976. Monique Berlioux, the

IOC's former executive director. wrote that, even in the 1920s, members were offered first-class travel for themselves and their wives. increasingly, however, receptions, gifts and lavish dinners have been used by candidate cities to persuade members in the ballots.

What had not been revealed prevously, although long suspect-ed, was the frequency with which money or other favours were used by cities desperate to stage the world's biggest sports festivals. As the Games had become increasingly commercial, television companies and sponsors began to pay huge sums of money to be associated with the event. The television rights for the 1980 Winter Olym-

pics in Lake Placid cost £10 million; for 2002 in Salt Lake City, the price is £300 million.

Leading competitors in the most popular sports, such as affiletics and skiing, have also become hugeby rich — the word anateur was deleted from the Olympic charter in 1973. It is no wonder that some IOC members have become tainted by the atmosphere of opulence. In 1986, the IOC limited gifts to members to a maximum of £100.

so the lobbying had to be done in secret, and this was complicated by the fact that guidelines on what was and what was not permissible had never been drawn up. Certainly, members received lav-

ish meals, first-class flights (some redeemed for cash). luxury hotels, offers of prostitutes and eventually bribes. Same members, such as the Princess Royal, who will miss the meeting this week because of a visit to the Far East, have sent back presents - without thanks.

Others have not been so scrupulous. Some have argued that cities giving donations to the favourite sporting charities of members or development projects in their own countries should be allowed. They argue that these gifts are for the benefit of Olympic sports, often in Third World countries. However, now that Pandora's box has been prised open, even the number of peanuts consumed by members in hotel lobbies round the world is being scrutimised.

I he IOC has to act decisively this week. Sponsors have warned that they want corruption eliminated before the build-up in marketing begins this summer for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. At a meeting this week, a reform commission, including out-

side members, will be proposed to change the rules and structure of the IOC. Among the suggestions is that future members should have a fixed term and usually represent national Olympic committees or international sports federations. At the moment, the IOC selects its members who represent the organisation in their own countries. They are not delegates from those

There will also be a new voting process for the selection of Games sites. A 15-member panel is expected to choose the two finalists for each summer and winter Games and the membership would then vote, although they would do so without necessarily having seen the facilities in those countries.

countries to the IOC.

The IOC has two fears this week. The first is that there will be considerable short-term damage if any of the six - Lamine Keita (Mali), Agustin Arroyo (Ecuador). Zein El Abdin Ahmed Abdel Gadir (Sudan), Sergio Santander Fantini (Chile), Jean-Claude Ganga (Congo) and Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa) — having been formally expelled from the IOC, reveals hitherto undisclosed details of further corruption by their former col-leagues. The second is that the allegadions over corruption in the bidding of other contending cities for Olympic Games will linger.

Juan-Antonio Samaranch seems certain to be confirmed as president until he voluntarily resigns in 2001. The members, either officially or unofficially, will back him in a vote of confidence. He is not pre-pared to take responsibility for the crisis, even if he was aware, or should have been aware, how much abuse of the Olympic ethos has occurred. On taking office. every IOC member has to swear to "keep myself free from any politi-cal and commercial influence". Under Samaranch's 19-year pressdency, too many have not followed the letter or the spirit of their oath.

## Canterbury take a giant leap

By CATHY HARRIS AND SYDNEY FRISKIN

CANTERBURY secured the first division title and a place in next season's women's National League premier divi-sion for the first time when they beat Bradford 2-1. Nikki Litchfield scored the

winning goal from a penalty corner two minutes after Jill Barker had equalised for Bradford. After losing to Loughborough Students in February, the Kent club put to-gether a five-match unbeaten run which secured promotion. Denise Baker, the coach, said: "We've been close in the last four or five years and it just goes to show what a good finish and loads of self-belief

can do.". Chelmsford, who were relegated three years ago, were also celebrating automatic promotion when goals by Julie Parrott, Jo Green, Tracy Willmore and Kath Fordham ensured a comfortable win at Aldridge. Woking, of the second division, stormed to the championship with an unbeat-en record after a convincing victory over Sherwood.

Four goals by Mark Pearing enabled Reading to deter Old Loughtonians 7-3 in the men's National League pre-mier division match at Chig well yesterday, a result that underlined the potential of the winners, who were without Wyatt and Robinson, of New Zealand. The win pushes Reading up to third position above Canterbury. Crutchley also hit the target

four times as Cannock, the League leaders, hammered East Grinstead 13-3. Pidcock, Johnson and Glover each added two goals while Gibson scored twice for East Grinstead:

Southgate kept up the chase with a 4-2 away victory over Canterbury, for whom Math-ews converted two short corners. Rott scored twice for

acklu

Southgate with further goals being added by Kerry and Williams from a short corner.
Guildford's chances of finishing in the top four receded after a 6-2 defeat by Bourn-ville, for whom Grummitt scored four goals.

IN BRIEF

Cummings's bid at the age of 17, to outride many of

seniors in the Mersey Roads

three-stage 192km road race at the weekend was a sparkling success after the first two stages when he

became the overall race leader (Peter Bryan writes).

But his moment of truth

came in the 134km stage through Flintshire yesterday.

when he had to give best to

his elders. He finished 14th

overall, 2min 33sec behind

Gareth Sheppard, the race

BOWLS: Eileen Bell, who

first played for Ireland 33

years ago, will compete in

championship in her home

Belfast stadium today, after

Megrath to an exciting 22-20 extra-end victory over Paula

Summerfield and Joanna

champions, yesterday.Using

their local knowledge, the Irish pair careered into a 16-4

fought back superbly, forcing

the extra end when they ned

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Jones, the young Weish

lead after ten ends, but

Summerfield and Jones

**SKIING:** Lasse Kjus, of

Norway, won the men's

21 ends.

the final of the British

women's indoor pairs

she skipped Kathleen

winner.

E CYCLING: Stephen



Jie Schopp, 31, who was born in China but now lives in Germany, is in determined mood as she powers to victory against the rising French star, Anne Boileau, 23, in the final of the English Open table tennis championships at Great Yarmouth yesterday. In the men's final, the former world No 2. Ma Wenge, of China, beat Kim Taek Soo, of South Korea

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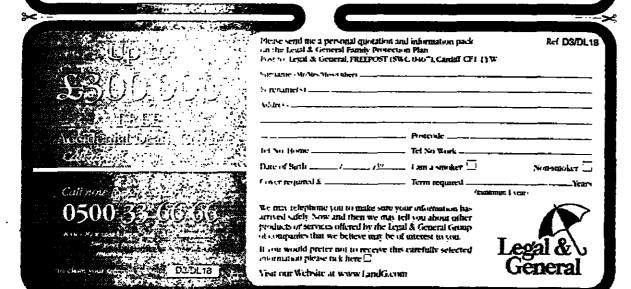
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GOLF: SPANIARD COMES OUT ON TOP IN HIS OWN BACK YARD

## Jimenez dances to the happy tune of victory

FROM MEL WEBB IN MALAGA

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ went wandering among the sands of the Costa del Sol yesterday and dug up a bountiful haul of buried treasure. Jiménez was a lost soul as he embarked on the inward half of his final round in the Turespaña Masters, his once-handsome lead disappearing fast. Only a moment of inspiration was going to save him; and he found not one, but two, before going on to win with a total of

264. 24 under par. Jimenez led by five strokes soing into the round at the Parador Malaga del Golf but had fallen from grace by shedding three shots to par in three holes from the seventh. A threat was being mounted by Steve Webster, the tough little Englishman, and Raphael Jacquelin, of France, and Jimenez

suddenly looked vulnerable. Things did not look a great deal better when he put his second shot into a greenside bunker on the tenth, but he retrieved the situation in the grandest manner by splashing out and watching as the ball trickled gently into the hole for

He had a stroke of downright good fortune when a com-

CATRIONA MATTHEW.

the Solheim Cup player from

North Berwick, was handily

placed to challenge for the

title yesterday after a third round of 65. seven under par.

in the Welch's/Circle K Charn-

pionship at Randolph North

"She just passed the world." one contender said, The

round, which equalled the

best of the week, catapulted

the Scot into contention, just

three shots behind the Ameri-

can veteran. Dale Eggeling.

who was out in front on 204.

12 under par. The irrepressi-

ble Dottie Pepper, the perenni-

al scourge of Europe in the

here in Tucson.

11th to allow him to save par when at least a double bogey loomed. He was not yet out of trouble, but at least his game and his mood had been put

back into kilter. With five holes to play, he was only one stroke ahead of Webster and did not look likely to extend his advantage when he dumped his second shot into a greenside bunker on the par-five 14th. Surely he could not pull off the great escape again. He could, and did. This time, the ball came out of the sand at pace but, like a heat-seeking missile, it



FROM PATRICIA DAVIES

Solheim Cup, was alongside

Michele Redman, a fellow American, on 205, with Nancy

Stranton and Hollis Staty on

Four years ago here. Mat-

thew, in her rookie season on

the US tour, was rushed to

hospital and had to have emer-

gency surgery to remove an

ovarian cyst, so it would only

be poetic justice if she were to

Matthew has had a steady

start this season after sharing

fifth place in the Healthsouth

inaugural, the first event of

win her first US title now,

bounced, looked for the hole and found it. Eagle three; three ahead again; the tourna-

> A birdie on the 16th was, at once, satisfying and totally irrelevant as he finished with a 67. By now, Webster's push had lost its impetus, but a closing 66, that put him into sec-ond place four strokes behind Jiménez, was still a doughty effort. Neither he nor Jacquelin, who finished third, did not fail, but they had pitted themselves against a man on a mission, a Malagueno who was playing not just for himself, but for his people. Jimén-ez, thus, became the first man to defend successfully a title on the European Tour for two years and his score had been beaten only twice in the tour's history. The invitation to play in the US Masters that arrived on Friday evening was the

£59,500 icing on the cake. This was the fifth victory of fimenez's career and, because it had been produced on his doorstep, the most precious. All that remained to complete the celebration was the dancing of an impromptu fandango in the media centre. You won't catch Colin Montgomerie hopping a post-victory reel any time soon.

Championship of Europe at

It was her maiden victory in

ning brings. "I want to win a

tournament this year," she

said of her American ambi-

tions. "And to finish in the top

her round because they were

sightseeing in Tombstone, but

they are certain to be watch-

Matthew's parents missed

30 on the money list."

ing the final shoot-out.

Gleneagles last August.

overall World Cup title after he threw caution aside in the final race of the season yesterday. The world the giant slalom, but a blistering second run lifted Matthew edges into frame him to seventh and brought Kjetil Andre Aamodi, his main rival. Michael von Gruenigen, of Switzerland, the year, in Florida, but is won the race in a total time of quietly confident after win-ning the McDonald's WPGA 2min 4\_33sec to reclaim the

> Europe and secured her a place in the Solheim Cup team. It also gave her the invaluable boost that only win-Giants, the Budweiser with a hard-earned 63-60 Lions at Bietchley. The

champion had languished in n der and miner. the ball will are 15th place after the first leg of the landspiriture in the lands the points necessary to see off

to Hermann Maier, of Austria, last season. BASKETBALL Sheffield Sharks moved up to within two points of Manchester League leaders, yesterday. victory over Milton Keynes Out-of-touch Sharks missed 12 of their 25 free throws and trailed for most of the game

but they rallied in the final

quarter to secure victory.

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Lewis paws Holyfield away with his left hand, with which he dictated the contest, with his right cocked to inflict further punishment on an opponent who rarely overcame disadvantages in weight and reach. Photograph: Kathy Willens

for Lewis, with the jab, the

chopping right and, when

close in, a short right upper-

cut, piling up the points. Holy-

field had his moments but was

unable to take advantage of

any of them. Lewis either held

or moved out of range quickly.

Throughout Lewis boxed

with care but not without flair.

unleash beautiful punches

Holyfield was not finished

and made one further attempt.

in the tenth, to land a knock-

out punch. He caught Lewis

with two blows and forced

him to hold. As Holyfield put

on the pressure. Lewis seemed

to be weakening somewhat

but he somehow managed to

prevent clean blows landing

on his chin.In the eleventh,

Holyfield tried to follow up

this momentary advantage

but Lewis, with his pawing

The last round was a good

one for Lewis. as realising he

was well ahead, he shimmied

and danced round Holyfield,

picking him off easily with the

jab. At the bell, he raised his

right hand to signify victory.

But as lustily as his supporters

acknowledged his signal, their

cheers soon turned to boos

when the official result was

jab, kept him out.

inside from all angles.

## Lacklustre Holyfield saved by the judge

IT WAS supposed to be agony in the Garden for Lennox Lewis, but it turned out that it was Evander Holyfield, the man of God, who did not have a prayer. The American was supposed to demolish Lewis in the third round but from the first hell it was clear that Holyfield would be unlikely to fulfil his prophecy, although having been put off his stride

placed jabs, Holyfield did then make a desperate attempt to justify his prediction. From the bell, he rushed after Lewis and battered him around the ring. For just a moment it seemed that he would

succeed in forcing a stoppage. But the bigger man, after swaying around in some disarray and covering up, was able to survive by retreating behind a iab that had no more than nuisance value. Holyfield did not have a

back-up plan. He had said he would not need one as the fight would certainly end in the third. Now, as his corner scratched around for alternarives. Holyfield could not come or p with anything other than desperate lunges in an attempt to get past Lewis's extended

As rounds went by, Holy-field looked older, a forlorn shadow of the man who had a few weeks earlier in Houston. Texas, been so full of the joys

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

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of boxing. In the end, he was completely exhausted and even as he went back to his corner, before slumping onto his stool, he knew he had been beaten and that the title was going back to Britain after 102

But Eugenia Williams, the American judge, came to his by 115-113, which meant that with Larry O'Connell's draw, 115-115, and Stanley Christodoulou's win for Lewis by 116-113, the contest was a draw. The unified title would not, after all, be crossing the

At the post-fight press con-ference. Holyfield could hardly stand without leaning on the table. As he waited for questions, he swayed back

and forth, the muscles twitching in his bruised and battered face. A man kept calling, "get a doctor, get a doctor. In the event, Holyfield was able to field the questions without medical aid, but the public did not need the judges' score cards to tell them the winner. It was good to see the New

Lewis mercilessly all week, screaming, "Robbery!" on the front page, and "D-raw deal" Before a sell-out crowd of

21,284, among them Michael Douglas and Jack Nicholson. Lewis began confidently, tak-ing the fight to Holyfield and jabbing him round the ring. Holyfield was not difficult to hit and Lewis's gloves must have felt like a cricket ball in

SPLIT DECISION: HOW THE JUDGES SCORED IT FARRY O'CONNELL (Britain) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Total 9 10 9 9 10 10 10 10 10 10 9 115 10 10 9 10 10 9 10 9 9 10 9 10 115 ATTENDED CHRISTOPOULOU (South Africa) Hotyfield 9 9 10 9 9 9 10 10 10 10 9 113 10 10 9 10 10 10 10 9 9 9 10 10 116 EUGENIA WILLIAMS (United States)

his face. Cheered on by his delighted supporters, numbering around 7,000, the World Boxing Council champion took the second round with remarkable ease. After his failed attempt to finish Lewis off in the third. Holyfield appeared to look tired and ring-weary.

In the fifth round, his best. Holyfield, Lewis had a chance to knock out the double champion. As Holyfield trapped Lewis in a neutral corner and tried to bore in, Lewis neatly turned him and clouted him on top of the head with a big

It was a punch that Lewis had always hoped to land ever since seeing Holyfield disoriented by a blow to the temple. This punch landed a little higher than the temple but had the desired effect. Holyfield staggered backwards to the ropes, his head snagged in the top one. He was clearly in trouble, for he he stood there just looking at Lewis.

After a couple of prods to see that his opponent was not feigning, Lewis unleashed a jab and two rights but still Holyfield did not reply. Then, after a couple more blows. he appeared to wake up and rushed at Lewis, landed two blows but was not able to

'It was my time to shine

and they ripped me off'

### Lewis a dual winner even if ultimate prize goes begging **ROB HUGHES** winner without the From then on it became a procession of winning rounds

crown, but decidedly better man this morning. As he stood in Madison Square Garden in the early hours of yesterday morning, he had two-thirds of what he came for: the respect of the boxers of the world as well as what all of them crave -- money. His efforts mean his bank balance boxer and can be relied on to £6.65 million) healthier.

What he lacked, and what no amount of lamentation over the decidedly inept judging will rectify, was the title of being the only British-born heavyweight this century to be acclaimed "undisputed champion of the world".

There is still time, especially as Evander Holyfield, his opponent on Saturday night. has since said repeatedly that there will be a rematch. And if the accountancy is true, if this bout in New York has generated something approaching \$70 million in takings, then even against the better judg-ment of those who might care for the palpably declining Holyfield, there will indeed be a second contest to unify the titles before this year is through. Whether boxing fans will

be lured to it with quite such anticipation, or with belief that justice can be delivered in the ring, is another matter. For if there was neither a winner nor a loser in the eyes of the supposedly independent three judges, then boxing itself is on the ropes. Some followers cling to the belief that the sport is indestructible; yet in the ring on Saturday. especially when two wom-en fought a bloody con-

test on the undercard, it looked absolutely perishable. It will be even harder to protect if more verdicts go the way of this one. In the aftermath of the

contest, after the majority of 21,284 spectators had dispersed. Larry Merchant, a veteran Washington reporter, said: "I'm ashamed to be a fight fan and an American."

unacceptable words, they said the contest was "a fix". "a tragedy". The second of those two statements rankles deeply, for neither boxer, nor the sport, suffered a tragedy. Tragedy is what befell an 18-yearold basketball player in Colombus, Indiana, earlier in the day, for he, a freshman standing 7ft tall, collapsed and died on the court. The newspapers in New York did not find a paragraph for him. He remained anonymous. With all the clamour at

Madison Square, all the celebrities drawn like a magnet, neither Lewis nor Holyfield would begin or end this night remotely anonymous. Up to 6,000 Lewis supporters had flown to New York, or were they merely the underclass of Wembley Stadi-



at Madison Square Garden

um, foul-mouthed nationalistic representatives who reviled and whistled down anything and everything American, including the supremely sung national anthem by D'Angelo. The crowd, apart from a tiny handful, included people who could not tolerate the dignity of a cathedral hush while ten bells tolled in respect to New York's baseball idol, Joe DiMaggio. But officialdom in the United States, too, can be

crass. After Lewis had entered the arena in a passive, almost trance-like state to reggae music, after Holyfield had come in singing aloud to a gospel theme, the announcer

### 'The scoring of the fifth round was baffling?

solemnly declared that "in the world's most famous arena, Madison Square Garden, we present the undefeated, undisputed beer of the world. Budweiser". They know, in Don King land, how to really stoke the inappropriate.

So it was almost a mercy to turn the glare solely on two men seeking to punch the other into submission, almost a relief to finish the night arguing about nothing but the state of mind of judges. The three of them, Larry O'Connell, from Britain, Eugenia Williams, from the United States, and Stanley Christodoulou. concurred precisely half of what they

They gave rounds one and two unanimously to Lewis. Then, they rightly afforded Holyfield the third round the round he had promised to secure victory. However, after that, the judges could not agree again until they recorded the eighth and ninth rounds both to Holyfield, and the twelfth and last round in unison to Lewis.

I do not have the expertise to dispute why the judges came to their respective contempts of Williams to fend off American interrogators after she had scored the bout by two clear rounds to her countryman, beggars belief.

The scoring of the fifth round, in particular, was baffling. The New York State Athletic Commission's handwritten scorecard showed a puzzling discrimination over a round that Lewis dominated to stray from the target of

Holyfield. O'Connell gave the round to Lewis, yet the total he recorded was difficult to Christodoulou decipher. actually altered his verdict, or the recordist did. But Williams scored the round. clearly, and amazingly, to Holyfield, despite the computer registering 43 contacts by Lewis to a pairry 11 by Holy-

It was crucial judging, it was also a turning point. For in America, where aggression counts more than style. Lewis appeared from that round to be controlled to the point of passivity.

He has a dignity strange to the jungle of heavyweight fighting — so much so that Americans such as Angelo Dundee, formerly the mentor Muhammad Ali, accuse him of not giving 100 per cent. It is almost as if, with his

man on the run, he does not want to devastate, or destroy, another human being in the ring. To be fair, given the warrior reputation of Holyfield, and given that only Lewis could decide whether his opponent remained dangerous and unimpaired by the continual sting of his own blows, he should be entitled to control the bout the

way he wishes. When Lennox Lewis is 50 years old," Lewis himself, in his characteristic way using the third person, has said. "he's going to be able to get out of bed. When Evander Holyfield is 50, I don't think

he'll be able to speak." That was a reference to his own caution, to his inner control, his almost Olympian belief that boxing should be about how you score the points instead of how you can debilitate an opponent, or risk debilitation. Ultimately, in the madding arena at Madison Square, this strange passivity. this contradiction to the raw code of boxing, contributed in preventing the undisputed title from escaping America's

shore. But tragic? Absolutely not. That may come if there is a re-match, for looking at the resigned. almost apologetic Holyfield, one was bound to recall the sign in a car parked overnight at Central Park: Tank empty," it read, "ignition not connected." Holyfield, after so many unholy wars, is almost empty as a world title contender.

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## Injustice takes a ringside seat

John Goodbody chronicles a history of contentious refereeing decisions

THE judgment of referces and umpires has always provoked controversy in sport. Over the centuries their decisions have delighted some

and outraged others.

There was widespread criticism of the referee when Randolph Turpin lost his World Middleweight title in New York in 1951 to Sugar Ray Robinson. The referee stopped the contest Turpin taking heavy punishment but with only eight seconds remaining. Even if he had gone down. Turpin would have lasted until the next round to fight an opponent who had suffered

a badly-cut cye. Henry Cooper, another of Britain's most popular boxers, lost his Commonwealth, European and British heavyweight titles in a most contentious decision when Harry Gibbs, at the time the premier referee in Britain, gave Joe Bugner the points verdict in 1971. Few people at ringside

There have been international disputes in both ice skating and gymnastics, both of which rely entirely on officials' opinions. Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean lost the Olympic title in 1994 when eight of the nine judges were not influenced by the more theatrical routines of the Britons. preferring the more technical exhibition of the Russian winners.

In gymnastics the Romanian team was ordered home by its Government from the 1977 European championships after a marking row over Nadia Comaneci, the 1976 Olympic champion. Football also produces

contentious decisions. Who can forget Newcastle's overthe-byline-cross brought the equaliser against Arsenal in the 1932 FA Cup semi-final, Geoff Hurst's goal in the 1966 World Cup final or the "hand of God" incident involving Diego Maradona in the 1986 World Cup?

#### REACTION

appointed. It was my time to shine and they ripped me off. I'm the undisputed champion of the world and the whole world knows that. What happened there is what you call politics. I felt like I won the fight hands down. Holyfield I don't take it lightly, I take it should give me those belts. He knows they are mine."

**EVANDER HOLYFIELD: "There** ain't nothing like a man who, when he gets an opportunity. he shines. The man [Lewis] really shined. I never said he wasn't tough. The man showed he was tough. I'm not disappointed. I did all I could. The judges make the decision and I have to live with it. I can still get him. I guess I did the best I could. That's not my best though."

**LENNOX LEWIS:** "I'm so dis-

GEORGE FOREMAN (former world heavyweight champion): "The Queen and all her subjects can be proud. Lennox Lewis proved he is no doubt the best heavyweight in the world today. He should forget about tonight. It's over. Just get up, dust your pants off, fight him again and knock him out next time."

EMANUEL STEWARD (Lewis's trainer): "Lennox and I are disrounds at most. What I saw

story. We were robbed it's an absolute con. If I was Tony Blair I'd cut off all diplomatic was Lennox working with a relations with America. This result has set boxing back into sparring partner, only we don't give them \$20 million for the dark ages." their work. It was not even a close fight. This hurts boxing. LOU DIBELLA (vice-president

with disgust." DON KING (promoter): "They ljudges are human beings. It was significant that the British judge gave 115-115. Who am 1 to be guessing the judges? When you have a man on the ropes, you're supposed to finish him, not play chess with him. Evander has to face the great giant. Let's just get them

back in the ring."

WALLACE MATTHEWS (New York Post columnist): "The fight plan may have been drawn up by the Lord, but the scorecards bore the mark of the devil. It was a night in which the glory and honour of boxing was supposed to return to its former home; instead. the stink returned to the air over the ring. Lennox Lewis beat Evander Holyfield from here to London - with stopoffs in Jamaica and Canada along the way,"

FRANK MALONEY (Lewis's gusted. I gave Evander three manager): "The look on 20,000 people's faces tells the whole

of Time Warner Sport): "I saw that the majority of people made Lewis the undisputed champion. The scoring was shocking. I didn't see it as a close fight but, even if I don't complain about the judge who made it a draw, how can anyone looking at the fight make Holyfield the winner by three rounds? It's impossible. That judge should not work again." ROY JONES (World Boxing

Council light-heavyweight champion): "I feel ashamed about what happened tonight. I love Evander Holyfield, but Lennox Lewis did not lose it. LOU DUVA (former trainer of Holyfield): "I think the decision was terrible. I had it 9-3. It wasn't that exciting a fight but Lewis absolutely won the CHRIS EUBANK (former world

middleweight champion): "It was robbery. I can't understand how a British judge gave it a draw when Holyfield did not win more than two rounds. Lewis is the undisputed world champion."

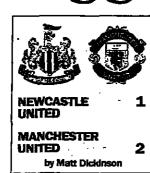
## Newcastle fail to prevent Cole digging in

RUUD GULLIT took Alex Ferguson aside before kick-off on Saturday and did not spare his words. He told him to expect a match of lireworks and explosions. He talked of hoiling tempers and extreme provocation. "Anyway, that's enough about Inter on Wednesday." Gullit conclud-ed. "You'll walk all over my

Admittedly, Gullit probably did not utter the last bit. But he might as well have done, such was the disdain with which Manchester United trampled on the notion that Newcastle United might provide an exacting test of their championship aspirations. Ferguson has had more stressful afternoons watching his racehorses.

There was a time, and one not so long ago, when a trip to St James' Park would have provided United with a perfect foretaste for the bear pit of the San Siro. A seething crowd. a gung he team and no quarter asked or given. Not any more. "We were not competitive enough," Gullit admitted, and it is not rocket science to guess that Internazionale may offer something a little less dainty in the European Cup quarter-

final second leg. While Newcastle took the lead after just 15 minutes through Nolberto Solano's fine 25-yard free kick, they succeeded only in tweaking their opponents' tail. Manchester United were ahead shortly after half-time, and they played out the remainder of the match as if they had their minds on other matters. Which they did, of course. They fly out to Milan tomorrow and a probable meeting with Ronaldo in jaunty mood.



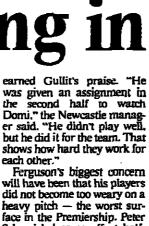
Premiership by four points. they would be marked down as certainties to win the championship were it not for the fact that they may be stretched Europe. When Ferguson, as on Saturday, picks the team that he knows will win, as opposed to the one he hopes can triumph, only Arsenal can

After Dwight Yorke's two goals at Chelsea in midweek, this was Andy Cole's turn to top up his account. A brace of close-range finishes ensured that he will go into the match on Wednesday hopeful of fulfilling Ferguson's prediction that his team, leading 2-0 after the first leg, will score in Milan. "Andy was lightning quick," the United manager said. "He's in the best form since he came to Old Trafford and getting better all the Cole's second was his fifueth goal at St James' Park in his 48th game there.

Jaap Stam continued his impressive form by towering over Alan Shearer, and Yorke worked selflessly by performing a marking job on Warren Barton late in the game. Likewise David Beckham, who

Up front, Shearer faded quickly after a lively start. "We are playing catch-up with United," the England captain

Old Trafford, he has only himself to blame for that.



did not become too weary on a heavy pitch — the worst sur-face in the Premiership. Peter Schmeichel came off at halftime, allegedly suffering from flu, but otherwise United seemed healthy in mind and body. There were traces of a limp as Cole walked to the team bus, but United will field their strongest line-up on Wednesday when, according to Gullit, they must keep their

"It will be very hostile," he said. "It will be like a boiling pot. The least little thing could explode. They are going to be provoked a lot. It all depends how they cope with that. There was one moment when it happened at Old Trafford and immediately some players got involved. Keane was involved and there was a yellow card.

"You must, must focus on the game all the time. There will be intimidation, theatre. backchat. It will be very clever. They will be trying everything to get you out of your concentration. There is no way in this country that you can experience that because it is cheating. But it is the Latino

Oh that Newcastle had mustered some of the same provocation. Timid in defence in the absence of the injured Howey, they were hopelessly meek in midfield, where only Hamann showed the urgency to try to change the course of

said, but, as the man who twice turned down a move to



THE policy may be win at all costs, but those costs are beginning to spiral out of Arsène Wenger's rationale is being seriously undermined How much longer he can balance indiscipline at his club and the wherewithal to claim important victories remains to be seen.

Three points from a fascinating encounter at Goodison Park on Saturday may have kept Arsenal in touch with Manchester United at the head of the FA Carling Premiership, but it also brought their seventh red card of the season, the 21st under Wenger's management and. worse still, exposed the disenchantment simmering within Emmanuel Petit.

Petit, the midfield player, is experiencing some difficulty in adjusting to a season that, after the thrills of last year, when Arsenal achieved the Double and France won the World Cup, is rather mundane. Injury had sidelined him for six matches before he regained his place in the starting line-up on Saturday. The return lasted little more than an hour, whereupon he was sent off for the third time this season after committing a second bookable offence.

another three-match suspension which, considering the referees could be tempted by a cious. Uriah Rennie, the refe-

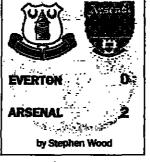
## **Disillusioned Petit** threatens to leave

influence he brings to bear on the Arsenal midfield in partnership with Patrick Vieira, could be a savage blow in their quest to defend the league title and FA Cup. One of the fix-tures Petit will miss is the FA Cup semi-final against Man-chester United next month.

However, there may be even more serious repercussions. Petit trudged down the tunnel, threw his shin pads away in disgust and was heard to say, in English: "That's me finished with English football." Arsenal will hope that Petit regrets what, in all probability, was a heat-of-the-moment

"We hope that it does not drive Manu away from our game," Martin Keown, the Arsenal defender, said. "We will sit him down this week and try and pick him up."

However, there remains a theory that Petit, who is growing tired not only of the debilitating Premiership which he is penalised by



move to Italian football this summer. Petit's actions at Highbury have often been viewed as embodying the general lack of discipline engendered by Wenger since he arrived 21/2 years ago. It is an appalling record, but when you are successful, the desire to change is not particularly

On this occasion, neither Wenger nor Petit could be held totally responsible. Petit's challenges, on Dacourt, the mistimed rather than mali-

ree, had long since lost the faith of the players while the home crowd, incensed after the earlier dismissal of Don Hutchison, their striker, were baying for Rennie to even things up. Wenger acknowledged this, as well as Petit's lack of sharpness, when he said that he would not be fining his player. "I think Petit was just frustrated with himself, Wenger said. "and the Everton supporters want-

Walter Smith, the Everton manager, will follow Wenger's example and not take any action against Hutchison, who surprisingly was shown the red card after colliding with Keown after 21 minutes.

ed every one of our team sent

"I did not have a clue why I was sent off," Hutchison said. Keown said I caught him in the Adam's apple, but it was nothing." Keown confirmed that his opponent was unfortunate to be punished so severely ous enough to damage me.

week. The sending off was harsh." The England defender has offered to speak on Hutchison's behalf if Everton, as expected, launch an appeal to get the red card overturned. However, as things stand, Hutchison will miss three matches - including the Merseyside derby against Liverpool.

For Arsenal, two moments of class - both involving Parlour - were enough to win the game on Saturday. After 15 minutes. Overmars found Parlour in space on the right and he placed his shot wide of Myhre.

Midway through the second half Partour exchanged passes with Overmars and tempted Unsworth into a rash challenge inside the area. It was a clear penalty and Dennis Bergkamp duly dispatched it.

Parlour's contribution will have done his hopes of earn-ing a call-up for to the Eng-land squad, to be announced on Thursday, no harm. Nor has it hampered Arsenal's ambitions although, ultimately, they may yet prove to be

Wilson called it, but

his team were never

David O'Leary

weariness, as if the

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be obvious to all,

## History offers no veil for Houllier's crumbling forces

Cole celebrates with Yorke after scoring his second goal

BEFORE Heysel. Liverpool's right to a place in Europe went unquestioned. They featured in one of the competitions for 21 successive years, often with flair and distinction. Unless Gérard Houllier resolves the glaring weakness in a side that is a shadow of its forbears, the

prospect of competing in the Uefa Cup can be dismissed, not just this season but far beyond.

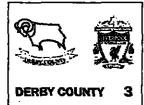
The Liverpool manager could not excuse an abject defensive performance on Saturday when his back three seemed unable to perform the most elementary of tasks. Sadly for Houllier, it was hardly a one-off aberration. As Jamie Redknapp. the captain, said: "We have not been inconsistent this season. We have consistently played at a level that is not good enough. Twice, in the first half, Derby

County scored with headers from a set-piece. Burton left Song leaden-

Birmingham surge. Results, tables

footed as he met a corner by Bohinen before Wanchope, without a goal for two months hitherto, outjumped Matteo. In the 49th minute, a line of defenders looked towards the linesman while Wanchope ran on to a long free kick by Stimac and shot beyond James.

Houllier blamed a lack of concentration in all three instances. "I think this game highlights our problems," he said. "Unless we make a wonderful run, it will be very difficult in the race for Europe. We have six home games and four away, so it is not time to commit suicide yet, but it would be a considerable blow if we did not get there."



by Richard Hobson

LIVERPOOL

McManaman in his side, Houllier effectively suggested that he was looking already towards next season. Jim Smith, the Derby manager, resisted a grin when questioned

By choosing not to select a fit Steve

defending. "I just thought we played very well," he said, at the end of a week in which his side have also beaten Aston Villa and moved level on points with the Midlands club. The disappointment was that we

did not get more goals." Derby, completing a rare double against the Anfield side, have generated a momentum that could sweep them into Europe for the first time since 1977. Burton's confidence is growing by the game and Baiano, although at fault for both of the Liverpool goals, has returned to form and fitness to play behind the front pair at an important time.

Liverpool's best moments occurred through Owen. He looked every bit the prodigy of France when he ran at defenders and was badly missed in the second half, substituted as a precaution against a minor hamstring strain. Owen won a penalty, converted by Fowler, when he fell under a tackle by Prior, and created another good

opening for his fellow striker. Had an attempt by Bohinen not been turned off the line by Matteo, when Derby led 3-1, then Liverpool might have left Pride Park severely embarrassed. Instead, five minutes later, Fowler met a low cross by Matteo to ensure a lively and some-

what flattering conclusion. What Hallering Conclusion:

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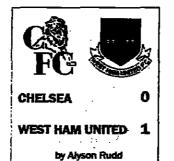
## Vialli concedes title race as Chelsea charge falters

IT COULD have been a trick of the light, but it seemed that Gian-luca Vialli's eyes bore a twinkle. He anticipated that the theme of the weekend, after Chelsea's first home defeat at Stamford Bridge in the FA Carling Premiership this season, would be that his club have now dropped out of the title race and everyone who was asked about it, be they from Chelsea or West Ham United, plumped for the phrase about it being a two-

about the Liverpool Vialli struggled to remember the precise English wordage, so keen was he to emphasise that it is all over for Chelsea, but he remembered there were horses involved. and only two of them. It was gentle and without bitterness, but it was surely not an honestly held belief for Chelsea, while not at their best, are but tugs and tweaks from regaining their old imperi-

> While Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, beamed over his choice of negative tactics, practically giving an Oscar-worthy speech, with his wife thanked pro-fusely for her contribution, it would be naive not to concede that this was a most fortunate victory for the East London team. For. wider issues aside. it was curious that Dan Petrescu was penalised. having been muscled out of possession by Keiler, and from the resultant free kick. Marc-Vivian Foe apeared to climb all over Baba-yaro in order to head the ball down into Kitson's path. Kitson scored, but only just. De Goey so nearly kept the ball out with his legs but turned to see the ball

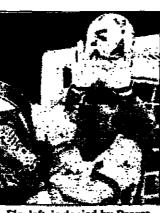
> creep over the line. But in order to judge the path of the title race, the wider issues are what matter. Chelsea were blessed, or even dogged, by an abundance of strikers at the beginning of the season. There were jealous mutterings from the rest of the Premiership and Vialli's tendency to rotate his talent was laughed at until it became clear it was all too effective. There was genuine sur-



prise that Vialli possessed such a ruthless streak and then awe that, far from creating havoc with the club's camaraderie, such an unsentimental approach served only to strengthen morale.

Chelsea's collection of international footballing mercenaries had become a strong-willed unit drilled in the desire to win. There is no longer that paradox at the club and that is what is at the

heart of their present malaise. Suddenly, Vialli sounds avuncular. He was offered the cash to improve the team but turned it down: "I just didn't want to touch the squad I already had. The spirit was great. If that was a mistake, then it's my mistake." However. all Chelsea need is a no-frills forward to see out the remainder of the season without a sense of underachievement. Against West



Flo, left is denied by Pearce

Ham, they ached for a striker in the mould of Huckerby or Sutton or Cottee, a player who just wants to score and does not mind how many tap-ins comprise his goal tal-ly. Flo returned to first-team action after injury a month ago without any reserve-team football to ease his re-entry. It shows. He is tality, opting for caution when the game is crying out for instinct.

How ironic that when everything Flo touched seemed to result in a goal, Vialli insisted on using him sparingly. On Saturday, Forssell, the young Finland striker, was given seven minutes to rescue the match. He almost did, but needed, not surprisingly, to have had more of a feel of the game to put a good opportunity on target, rather than a foot over the bar.

It is also mysterious that Vialli acknowledges how much the team are missing those bursts of power from Gustavo Poyet but he has done so little to try to replicate them. Poyet may well feature in the final games of the season but a little mimicry from his team-mates on Saturday would have assisted

their cause enormously. Chelsea have a miserable habit of passing the ball sideways as if scared of any sort of gamble. But for Goldback, it is doubtul they would have ventured beyond the halfway line against West Ham. Redknapp's back line defended well but they rarely had to contend with the element of surprise and, with Zola available to ensure that adventurous runs become incisive. Chelsea were guilty of a lack of imagination.

Vialli has now served his suspension and can start once again to be more ruthless with his selection policy. This is not a good time to go soft or misty-eyed.

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## Signs encouraging for Leeds as Wednesday wane

reads, bloated capitals leaping from the wall of the gentlemen's toilets inside Hillsborough. From each of the letters, a little motto follows: one promoting "family values". another guarding against the use of obscenities. Perplexingly, given the events that fol-

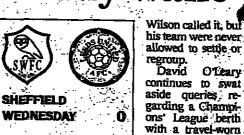
LEEDS UNITED lowed, the S does not stand for "silence" but safety. "It's one of the most passionate games of the season here," the

pitch-side announcer had warbled in the seconds before kick-off, a bold statement duly rewarded with the din of rustling crisp packets, a cacophony of slurping on plastic straws, the odd suppressed yawn. That was just the build-up. At

one stage, excitement reached the dizzy levels of general murmuring. The exceptions from this were the travelling supporters of Leeds United who, 20 minutes inside the match, were greeting every touch of the ball by their players with glee-ful, sardonic "olés." Brace yourselves for the end of this sentence, for it is neither easy to write nor gentle on the eyes, but Leeds — the team of Hunter. Bremner and breeze-block tackles - are now a genuine pleasure to watch. Ouch. "I've never known such a quiet

derby game." Danny Wilson, the Wednesday manager, said. There were at least two plausible reasons for this. Firstly, Leeds played well and Wednesday did not, prompting a lopsided afternoon that could have brought United a hatful of goals. Only the agility of Pavel Smicek and the wayward sights of his aggressors kept the scoreline

It is no coincidence that for the second time in four days against Leeds, opposition managers have bemoaned their sides worst performance of the season. Rubbish,



by George Caulkin

but after five successive league victories, Chelsea are suddenly within touching distance. Consider the spine of this team -Martyn, Radebe, Batty, Kewell and re-examine O'Leary's modesty. United's fourth-minute goal - a well-drilled free kick that Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink sneaked in off the near post around a skinny defensive wall - should perhaps

fensive wall — should perhaps have put the onus on Wednesday, but a midfield of Batty, Hopkin and Bowyer effectively put paid to that By half-time, they warranted a margin of at least three goals, with Smicek smothering close-range shots from Smith and Hasselbaink, but it was not until deep inside a largely drab second half that largely drab second half that dominance told. Hasselbaink successfully released Hopkin and though Smicek again managed to get his body in the way, the Scotland midfield player continued his run to turn in the rebound.

To make matters worse for: Wednesday attendances are down. at Hillsborough by more than five per cent this season and only 28,000 were present for this skirmish. Not going down, not winning anything, optimism grumpily refuses to hold. Imagine that; the home of the Owls and barely a hoot

SHEPFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): P Smooth-P Afriction, E Thomas, D Westler, A Hindholfith— N Alexandersson, D Somer (sub. L Briscoe, 38min), W Jonk, P Rudi — A Booth, R Humphreys (sub. J Anness, 48)

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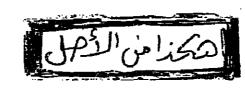


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### FA Carling Premiership: Middlesbrough arrest their slide towards danger zone



Kachloul, Southampton's Moroccan midfield player, slides between two Middlesbrough defenders to win the ball in the relegation struggle at the Riverside Stadium yesterday

IF THERE has been a Shakespearean dimension to the recent fortunes of Middles-brough, it would seem more appropriate to point at tragedy than comedy. Enough knives in the back to dispatch Caesar, a surfeit of toil and trouble and, in Bryan Robson, a complex figure experiencing the same private turmoil as a certain Danish prince.

There remains, however, a fundamental similarity with Orsino in Twelfth Night; a man too wrapped up in the concept of being in love to fall in love himself. Middlesbrough - the club and its supporters - have the same fickle relationship with football; there is a sense that, such has been the speed of their rebirth. that they remain mired in an uneasy, emotional adoles-

The riotous reaction to this victory, which restored a hint of stability to a season which had threatened to turn into a remorseless slide towards

hysterical. What a stark contrast to the previous formight which had been filled with calls for action of the most drastic sort. Change the personnel: switch the tactics, even trade-in the manager. One win and and all

## All's well that ends well for Robson

the panic and criticism evaporates as if by magic. More cynical souls recalled a similar reaction to another result, back in the dark mists of December, when Robson's side, then in fourth place, travelled to Old Trafford and returned from that stronghold

European football seemed there for the asking. Even the championship was spoken of as an outside possibility. But these dreams evaporated because, just like in Middlesbrough's previous incarnation in the FA Carling Premierunsound and subsidence

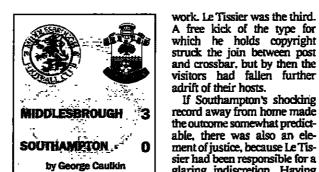
with three points.

became inevitable. Beating Southampton may not mean that the construction has been safely shored up, but at least some of the cracks have been repaired, despite the absence yesterday of four

among them Paul Gascoigne. "We knew it was a pressure game that we couldn't afford to lose, but a few of my senior professionals really stood up to it. We're not safe yet, but that's a big step closer," Robson said

The dressing-room may not be riven asunder by its disparate personalities, as it was two years ago, but fragilily lurks inside. Confidence is tied to the mood of the crowd by a thread that threatens to snap each time a pass is misplaced or, just as frequently. Mikkel advertising hoardings.

By the time that Beck, the Denmark striker, scored Middlesbrough's first goal of 1999. both tempers and composure were fraying markedly. The latter could be ascribed to Mid-



Southampton goal, which had begun at an early stage, when Gordon's turf-hugging shot hand post, but was not consummated until the 43rd minute.

Then Beck had the good fortune to be dawdling inside the six-yard box to take advantage after Festa had become the secdlesbrough's courtship of the ond player to strike the wood- er escaped dismissal. al-

though, in the final analysis, it

did not matter a jot.

Middlesbrough's goal tally for the year was doubled only moments after it opened when Paul Jones tore off his line to meet Robbie Stockdale's vague punt forward, only for Hamilton Ricard to tease the ball around him to score an awfully simple goal. In the 62nd minute, Steve Vickers, with a nonchalant side-footed shot, converted Maddison's

work. Le Tissier was the third.

A free kick of the type for

which he holds copyright

If Southampton's shocking

record away from home made

the outcome somewhat predict-

able, there was also an ele-

sier had been responsible for a

glaring indiscretion. Having

already been shown his sev-

enth yellow card of the season,

he diced with further censure

by raising his hand to block a

which appeared likely to curl

the TV replay, the offence

seemed not only obvious but

also deliberate. It was impossi-

ble to understand how Le Tissi-

Even without the benefit of

around the defensive wall.

adrift of their hosts.

Southampton, had they won, would have left the bottom three for the first time since last August. Now the future is looking bleak for David Jones and his team. even though five of their remaining games are at home. In truth, Southampton were quite awful. "We were lucky

they didn't score two or three more," Jones said. "From the first minute until the last-we just didn't perform. We looked like we were on the bus." Their only option? Like music and

MIDDLESBROUGH (3-5-2): M Schwarzer
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(sub: A Campbell, 82), M Beck.
SOUTHAMPTON (4-3-1-2): P Jones — J
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— M Celety (sub: S Ripley, 80), C Marsden,
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E Ostenstad, 88), M Hughes.
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## Rations run thin in fight for survival

BRIAN KIDD thought long and hard before leaving for the front line. His place in the trenches at Old Trafford was safe and never would he have to raise his head above the parapet while Alex Ferguson stayed in charge. General Ferguson took the flak and Private Kidd manned the supply lines with due care and consideration. It was the perfect combination.

But the call came from

Ewood Park, barked by "Un-cle" Jack Walker and backed by his promise of plentiful ammunition, and the lure proved irresistible. Blackburn Rovers were at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership and needed rescuing. Kidd's play it was not, but it was time to

go. Over the top he went. Three months later, Kidd surveys the battlefield and grimaces at the sight before him. The initial flurry of success has subsided, his troops are depleted and the guns lie silent. All that remains is willpower, the determination to conquer overwhelming odds, that indefinable strength of the soul. Without it, Rovers would be dead already.

At Highfield Road on Saturday, on a sand-and-mud surface fit only for skirmishing. Blackburn earned a point that keeps them alive. It was far from pretty and, at times, degenerated into a series of petty squabbles, but the spirit shone through and made for a peculiarly engrossing spec-

Coventry City face the spec tre of relegation, too, and had they won - as they threatened to do for much of the game they might have ruled themselves out of the equation. It would have given them a seven-point advantage over Blackburn, the eighteenth-placed club, and valuable

breathing space for the always fraught run-in. Kidd spoke eloquently of the fight ahead. "Not once have I thought about relegation. It has never crossed my mind." he said. "I have no self-pity. I don't feel sorry for myself. Why should I? I am very honoured to have got the job at Blackburn.

"With what we've got left, they've tried their best, I can't ask for anything more. I know that if there is a new player that I want, I can go to Mr Walker and he will back me to the hilt. But I'm not going to buy just for buying's sake. I want to develop the club. I



want to take it forward from within.'

Blackburn fell behind in the 22nd minute, when Aloisi turned delightfully on to Boateng's low, near-post cross and thumped a right-footed volley past Filan. He should have ended the contest early in the second half from Telfer's cross, after McAllister's magnificent 40-yard crossfield pass, but headed the ball hard into the ground instead of the net. It bounced once and cleared the crossbar.

Competing vigorously — Sutton's stray elbow on Konjic, fortuitously, went unnoticed - and belying the inexperienced nature of an alarmingly understrength squad, Blackburn's studious approach was rewarded in the minute. Johnson squirmed free on the right and his teasing centre was

dispatched by Wilcox. It was an earnest scrap and. once the smoke had cleared. little had been resolved. Sutton is a long way from full fit-ness and despite the claims from Kidd that Glenn Hoddle, the former England coach, was considering the striker for an international recail shortly before his removal from office, he is unlikely to figure in the plans of Kevin Keegan, Hoddle's part-time successor, when he announces his squad this week for the European championship qual-

ifying game against Poland. There'll be a few more twists and turns before the end of the season," Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager, said. "I hope it doesn't go to the last game but, if it does, we'll be ready for the challenge." Shell-shocked. perhaps, but so, too, will

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2) M Hedman — R Nisson, M Konjic (sub: P Clement, Bilmin), R Shaw, D Burrows — G Boateng, G McAllister (sub: D Huckerby, 70), P Telfer, S Froggett — N Whelan, J Aloisi.

Froggett — N Ymelan, J Aloss. BLACKBURIN ROVERS (4-4-2). J Fitan — J McAlear, S Henchoz, M Taylor, C David-son — D Durin (sub D Johnson, 60) D Mar-coln, M. Arsen (sub. D Duff, 52). J Wilcox — A Ward, C Sutton.



Christian Edwards, of Nottingham Forest, quickly snuffs out the danger presented by Marcus Gayle, of Wimbledon.

## Absent minds grant Forest some relief

IF ANYONE thinks this result says much about the chances of Nottingham Forest clinging to their FA Carling Premiership status, they should think again. Forest did not play well; they were just marginally the less awful of two poor teams. They survived a torrid opening, scored a fluke goal, then massed in defence and relied upon breakaways.

It helped that Wimbledon are in a wretched run of form. Elements of their crowd are unconvinced of the qualities of Joe Kinnear, the manager, who remains some way from being able to resume his duties after suffering a heart attack twelve days ago, but for long periods of the game they were present-ed with a vision of Wimbledon without him: rudderless, disjointed, at odds with each other and who ever expected to read or write

this? - not quite up for it. David Kemp, the coach, refused to use the uncertainties about Kinnear's health as an excuse, "I was prepared to make allowances last week, but not this," he said. "Our thoughts are with Joe, but we've got to get back to work and start winning matches again."

They could have done without an erratic display from Neil Sullivan, the goalkeeper. While Mark Crossley, his opposite number, made an important early save, deflecting a close-range header by John Hartson over the crossbar, Sullivan stood rooted to the spot as Alan Rogers's misdirected cross



found the far corner of his goal, and his team's early confidence

drained away. After another bright start to the second half, Wimbledon were again deflated by a Forest goal, Freedman lobbing the unprotected Sullivan. Throwing caution to the wind, they finally converted one of a number of chances, Gayle scoring from close range, but Forest made sure of victory when Pierre van Hooijdonk headed on Crossley's goal kick for Shipperley to beat Sullivan at his near post.

Van Hooiidonk caught the eve throughout. Playing in a deeper role than usual, he created a number of chances and seemed more a part of the team in every sense than he did immediately after his self-imposed exile. Steve Stone, supposedly his fiercest critic in the dressing-room, has now left, and the change of management at the club in January helped.

Shreeves and Ron Atkinson, the

Gregory takes stock of reality

manager, are contracted to Forest only until the end of the season, but both, Shreeves hinted, would like to stay. Which division Forest will be in, he would not speculate - wisely, with the team still eight points behind seventeenth place. We play Middlesbrough at home next week, " he said. "If we could get something out of that game, it could become very interesting. The situation, perhaps, if not the

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WINBLEDON (4-4-2). N Sullivan — K Curningham, C Perry (sub E Bloku, 59mm), B Thatcher, A Kmble — N Ardley. A Roberts (sub. J Euell, 72). R Earle, M Kennedy (sub: M Hughes, 72). — J Hartson, M Gayle.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST. — N District C Berl-Williams.

H Curs. - Lean, C Edwards, J Melison, S Chefle, A Rogers — A Johnson (sub C Berl-Williams, 45). C Patrier — P Van Hoordonk — D Freedman, N Simpperley.

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## Leicester's gold is stolen

YOU can do any number of things on holiday — water ski-ing, sunbathing, bungee jumping, golf, even panning for gold. Be it in the Yukon. New Zealand or wherever, you can he experience the thrill of finding your very own gleaming

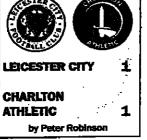
You hire your pan, crouch by your stream, scoop up some gravel and water and shake it about a bit. After an hour, it dawns on you: "What a waste of time." And then, if g you are lucky, amid the rubbish, something will glisten. Watching Leicester City is a bit like that at the moment. A boring sift through worthless

pebbles followed by golden moments. It happened against Wimbledon last week and it happened against Charlton Athletic on Saturday. An hour of dross and then some dazzle. Gerry Taggart won the ball deep in his own half, beat one man, then another, then another. The crowd applauded, he gave the ball to Neil Lennon, he beat one man,

aced forward, turned inside

another, exchanged passes

with Taggart on the edge of



the Chariton penalty area and sent a gorgeous shot curling to the far post, where it struck the woodwork and bounced into the net. Perfection.

Twenty-four carats. Well, actually, no. It was fool's gold, and worth just a point in FA Carling Premiership currency. Charlton equalised in injury time. A goal fit to win any game failed to win

one even as mediocre as this. Even the controversy was submerged by the general malaise. Charlton had two people sent off, for example. Mervyn Day, the assistant manager, was banished from the touchline just before half-

time for verbal abuse of the referee. "He didn't swear," Alan Curbishley, his manager, said. Of course not, that is why he was dismissed. Keith Jones followed in the second half after picking up a second booking. "He thought the first was a bit harsh." Curbishley said — and that was about as heated as the protests got. The goal, too, that was dra-

ingful shot of the day, in the 92nd minute, after Taggart had comically headed a throw by Mills to Mendonca, lurking at the far post. A simple tap-in. Yet Charlton seemed almost sheepish about it, slightly embarrassed. Fairminded to a man, they knew an injustice had been done and it was their fault. Still, if it saves them from relegation. then the point will be absolute-

matic. Charlton's first mean-

LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Keller — M Eli-ott, G Taggart, S Walsh — R Savage, N Len-non, M Izzel, R Lillathome, S Guppy — I Mar-shall, E Heskey (sub: A Gunniaugason, 78mn). ly priceless.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (3-5-2) S list — R Rutus, S Brown, C Tiler — D Mits, M Kinsel-La, N Recleam (sub J Bernes, 73), K Jones, C Powell — M Pringle (sub S Jones, 75), A Hurit (sub; C Mendonca, 73)

### City deny takeover rumours

MANCHESTER City yesterday denied that they were involved in discussions with David Murray, the chairman of Rangers, regarding a possible takeover (Stephen Wood writes).

Reports claimed Murray, one of the wealthiest men in Britain, was planning to acquire a 51 per cent majority shareholding in the Nationwide League second division club.

David Bernstein, the City chairman, bas gone public with his desire to attract £20 million of investment to the Maine Road club. However, Chris Bird, the chairman's assistant, said: "These are just rumours. No deal is on the table and no negotiations have been going on."

It is believed that Murray was interested in City last season, but rules prohibiting the ownership of a Scottish and English league club by one person prevented that interest from going any further.

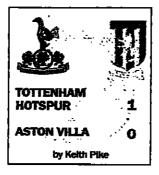
#### IT IS a bit rich when the manager who has spent the equivalent of the gross national prod-TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR -

uct of a small country starts berating himself for being tight-fisted. But while rivals such as Alan Curbishley have nearer 30 bob to play with, there was John Gregory, £30 million of Aston Villa's money having gone in a year, saying without a hint of irony that underinvestment and underachievement go hand in hand. Yet the really worrying

thing is that he is probably right. The FA Carling Premiership casino may waive its dress code to allow scruffs like Curbishley's Charlton Athletic to enter, but only the high rollers can actually play. Look Manchester United's

substitutes' bench on Saturday (Solskjaer, Blomqvist, half the Neville brothers), look at Arsenal's (Kanu, Diawara, Vivas), then look at Villa's (Byfield, Delaney, Samuel) and look at the league table. Gregory has a point.

That was one more than his team managed at White Hart Lane, where the author as much as the manner of Villa's



defeat added to Gregory's angst. Tim Sherwood was on a shortlist of transfer targets when Villa could have bought from a position of strength. Now Sherwood's scrambled late goal had left the one-time leaders 16 points off the pace and seven short even of a Uefa Still, although Villa have

misplaced their early-season sharpness in front of goal, stability in defence and invention in midfield, along with seven of the past eight matches, their manager has obviously not lost his sense of humour completely. Tottenham's attacking style, he said, was like

Wimbledon's and ... wait for it ... Steve Stone had enjoyed a pleasing debut marking Ginola, never mind that he got booked for fouling him on one of the few occasions he got near enough to attempt a tackle. But later, Gregory got serious as he pondered the injuries, physical and mental, that have wrecked Villa's season. "I said I would never hide behind a lack of numbers, but

it has not helped in the past few weeks that the team has almost picked itself," he said. "Players have been under no pressure for their places, and that isn't healthy. "I still believe in them, but

maybe the players have lost belief in themselves. They were flat out for the first part of the season, but after a defeat or two they started to doubt their ability. Maybe I should have added a couple of faces to keep the momentum going and I failed. It wasn't through lack of trying, but perhaps we should have pushed the boat out a little further than we did. I suppose there comes a point where you have to draw the line." Juninho, at £13 million.

had strayed over it, and Villa appear a spent force. As hard as they worked, Villa's lack of creativity was chronic and the impact of their forwards negligible. Tottenham, too, were below par, but they had made what few chances there were in a disjointed affair and probably deserved their luck when Bosnich parried Iversen's 88th-minute shot. Sherwood

headed against the post and

then tapped in the rebound

after Wright's aborted attempt at a goalline clearance. George Graham thought his Tottenham team should have been 3-0 up at half-time. but he ended with a duet from Gregory's songsheet. "When you see the big clubs keeping. internationals on the bench. you know you have got a long way to go to catch them," he

SALO.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2) I Walker
— S Carr, R Vega, S Campbel, M Tancco
(sub: A Sinton, 78min) — A Nielsen, D
Anderton, T Sherwood, D Gindla (sub: J
Dominguez, 78) — L Ferdinand, C
Amstrong (sub: S Iversen, 78)
ASTON VILLA (3-5-2) M Bosnich — R
Sameca, G Southgale, G Barry — S Stone,
L Hendine, M Oraper, A Thompson, A Winghi
— P Merson (sub: J Joachim, 67), S
Colympre.

West Brom captain, was again

the victim of trickery. Then

Adebola notched his second

carrying the ball 40 yards and

teasing Whitehead before roll-

ing the ball gently past the

"He ho!" the locals ex-

claimed. "We've debagged the

Baggies today, and no mis-take". Actually, they sang a

less pleasant song about the

Villa. Even on a good day, some of these people are always thinking of the team

that plays across the meadow.

Better by far to find another means of assertion. Envy

Grainger's late goal complet-

ed an impressive performance

though how good this team is, and whether the players are equipped for the top flight, are

questions it is best not to an-

swer too specifically at the mo-

ment. The failure of clubs like Bolton Wanderers and Not-

tingham Forest to put down firm roots there after dominat-

ing the first division offers

scope for doubt. There are not

too many players in this Birmingham side who stand

Still, their fans are enjoying

these days and, after so many

disappointments, it would take a heart of stone to be-

grudge them some early

spring flowers. But go careful on that pride of the Midlands

stuff. Some people have long

BREMENCHAM (4-4-2) K Poole — J Bass. G Rowell, M Johnson, S Charlion — G Hyde, M Granger, M O'Control (sub. M MCCarthy, 64), B Hughes — D Adebola (sub. P Furlong, 84), P Ndiowa (sub. N

Forsier, 64).
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Flynn, R Sneekes, E Maresca (sub. I Bortalazzi, 71), K Köbene — J Quinn (sul M Angel, 61), F de Fretas.

out as bobby-dazzlers.

memories.

won't do them much good.

floundering custodian.

### Nogan deepens Burnley blues

Preston North End.....

By Stephen Wood

MAYBE they will not make the same mistake for a fifth time. The Burnley supporters took every opportunity to make Kurt Nogan, their former player, feel unwelcome vester-

day, but he had the last laugh. His wonderful goal. the fourth time he has scored in four returns to Turf Moor, gave Preston North End the win with which to reclaim second place in the Nationwide League second division. The booing of former

players is an accepted part of football but, as Nogan said, it only seems to spur him on to greater things. With an hour played. Nogan glanced up before curling the ball over Crichton's head from 25 yards for his twentieth goal of

With that, Burnley's hard work was undone. Theirs had been a daunting enough task already. after three successive defeats. Stan Ternent, the Burnley manager, was set to resign after

Photograph.

the 6-0 humiliation by Manchester City last week. only for an emergency board meeting to guarantee his future. Ternent insisted that he was not a quitter and, based on Burnley's gutsy performance, he seemed determined to instil the same quality in his players.

The home side were sprightly and created the earliest threat when Andy Payton hit a post after just seven minutes. The highlyrated Glen Little then drew two saves from Lucas, the Preston goalkeeper, as well as volleying against

the crossbar. "If we can keep showing the same improvements, we should be all right." Ternent said. However, a tense denouement appears likely because Burnley are now in the relegation zone. Last season they left it to the final day to ensure safety and it could be too close for comfort once again.

Pedering, S Danis, C Blass, G Amsterong (sub. P Eastwood, 72min, T Covian – G Linte, M Metion, P Cool. – A Payton, G Branch. PRESTON NORTH, END. (4-4-2). B Lucas – J Dartor, M Jodson, C Mudock, D Ludden – A Gray, S Gray and M Appleton, 35), M Rankine, D Eyros (sub. J Maken. 54) — S Basham, K Nogan. Reference C Wilkes.

**Birmingham City** West Bromwich Albion......0 By MICHAEL HENDERSON

TO SUPPORT Birmingham City is to volunteer for a life of misery, which is why the placard behind the goal at their splendidly refurbished St Andrew's ground is so funny. "Pride of the Midlands", it says, without a trace of irony or self-mockery.

Midlands", more like, or "glorious joke best appreciated within the 0121 area". This is the club, lest one forgets, that has won only one trophy in its history, and that was when the League Cup held as much significance as the Erdington Vase. In a city where Aston Villa will always be the favoured sons, however poor their team, and close by are Wolverhampton and West Bromwich, towns with famous clubs (which, admittedly, have seen better times). Birmingham City often appear to be the invisible men. It is a long time since they had a side

worth watching.
You have to go back 25 seasons to find the team that brought together Trevor Francis, Kenny Burns, Bob and Howard Kendall, and there have been far too many ructions to recount, on and off the field, in the intervening years. In as much as anybody thinks of them, they are seen as Birmingham's "other" team.

Now, with Francis well established as their manager, they are making genuine progress. The main stand still reeks of the old third division (north) but a record of one defeat in their past 15 games suggests they are serious about returning to what they remember as the first division. This handsome victory against their neighbours

Bolton Wanderers

Premiership.

Queens Park Rangers ......1

By A CORRESPONDENT

THE motivational skills of

Colin Todd, the Bolton Wan-

derers manager, could yet

prove the most crucial factor

in the club's attempt at a rapid

return to the FA Carling

For all the obvious talents of

his multinational team, it was

Todd's decision to restore the

veteran striker, Bob Taylor,

who was dropped for the mid-

week game against Barnsley.

that ultimately decided the

Nationwide League first div-

ision game against Queens



NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: LEADING CONTENDERS FOR PROMOTION MAINTAIN HOPES WITH VICTORIES

Ndlovu. left, of Birmingham City, ignores the late lunge of Potter to scores the second of his team's four goals

confirms them in fourth place, as they chase automatic promotion with Sunderland. To the great delight of their supporters, they made West Brom look second-rate for

Taylor restores calm to

Bolton's nervous push

Stadium. Taylor scored twice,

the first his 200th career goal.

Todd said. "Now we can travel

to Sunderland on Saturday

and go out and enjoy the

game. There will be 40,000

people watching and, if we

can't play in an atmosphere

like that, we can't play

Although Bolton's impres-

sive Reebok Stadium may

deserve football of a higher

standing, the precarious man-

ner in which Bolton succeeded

suggests that those aspirations

ly in the 31st minute to make

contact with Scot Sellars's

Before Taylor lunged brave-

are far from guaranteed.

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"It was important to win,"

Peter Ndlovu and Martin Grainger. There should have been plenty more. Ndlovu, in particular, missed a couple of chances that any self-respecting striker would have much of this match. There expected to blow in. were two goals for Dele Adebola, and one apiece for Adebola's opening goal,

front, the visitors might well

have gone ahead. Alarming

defending allowed Tim Breack

er a clear run on goal in the eighteenth minute but he

struck his shot weakly and

Jussi Jaaskelainen, the Bolton

true art of finishing when he

rounded off the best move of

the match in the 58th minute.

Claus Jensen began it deep in

his own half, Michael

Johansen created space over

the halfway line before Jensen

slipped a splendid reverse pass for Taylor to apply the

gation reckoning.

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Peterborough Unded ....... 0

By BILL EDGAR

IF Barry Fry emerged tardily

for the post-match press confer-

ence, the real Barry Fry - exu-

berant and cheerful - did not

turn up at all. Another poor

showing by his Peterborough

United side, and consequent

calls by supporters for his suck-

ing, had transformed his char-

acter. The man who normally

exudes animation was looking drawn and off-colour.

Fry may be the victim of his

own outgoing style. Perhaps

fans who had been infected by

his optimism are now think-

ing ill of him because their

high expectations remain unfulfilled. Whatever the reason,

they certainly feel he is unable

to cure a downturn in form

that has seen Peterborough

manage only 13 points from

the past 14 games, losing their

way in the Nationwide League

third division promotion race

"If we play like we've played in the last those games, we've

got no chance of promotion."

in the process

Taylor demonstrated the

goalkeeper, saved with ease.

was an example of wonderful Shortly afterwards Ndlovu

hit the post so that West Brom went in at half-time only one goal down when the game after he had turned Carbon should already have been

inside out to make himself an

opportunity on his left side.

beyond them. They were overrun in midfield, where Hyde enjoyed a highly productive time, and De Freitas's ideas of leading the fight in attack seemed to consist mainly of moaning about the decisions

of the referen Ndiovu finally managed to

Norwich fail to test Birmingham stay on right track Jewell's promotion score five minutes after the in-terval, when he accepted Charling's long pass from left back, jigged inside and shot left-footed. That was another good goal, a Carbon copy, one might say, as Carbon, the hopefuls

Norwich City.

By MARTIN WOODS

Ronaldo dream

facing r awaken

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JOE LOUIS, perhaps the greatest heavyweight boxing champion of the century, went through a phase of fighting almost once a month against nohope chumps. These contests became known as Joe's Burn of the Month shows and, while they kept the Brooklyn Bomber's entourage in fine clothes and Bourbon, they rarely revealed much of the great fighter's complete reperioire of skills. These were reserved for

his pedigree opponents. Bradford City unexpectedly found themselves cast in the lesser Louis role on Saturday. In a strong position to reach the promotion play-offs, they encountered a Norwich City side who, for the first 45 minutes, were bereft of spirit and enterprise.

Bruce Rioch's team had left their football compass at home and Bradford trounced them. if Sepp Blatter, the Fifa president, had been there no doubt the idea of a referee being able to end a contest when one side is unable to defend itself, would have gained currency. The rout began in the

Results, tables,

thirteenth minute when Stuart McCall floated a free kick into the box where Darren Moore, the Bradford defender, headed home unhindered. Twelve minutes later, Peter Beagrie scored from the penalty spot after Milligan had brought down Jamie Lawrence.

Under the circumstances, Worshipful Company of Strangers-mode, the third goal in the 34th minute was a peach in that one or two of them saw fit to contest the ball. Whalley passed to Beagrie on the left wing. He turned Sutch, the full back, before crossing to the near post for Lee Mills to head home his twentieth

league goal of the season. wrence pounced on Bellamys loose pass in the centre circle on the stroke of half-time, the Norwich defence reverted to statuesque type as he dribbled his way through to the box before shooting under Marshall.

Unless they had come out with blindfolds on, Norwich could not have pla the second half and Iwan Roberts scored the earliest consolation goal of the season three minutes into the half.

The dressing room's a bit subdued. The lads wanted to go out and score a few more goals because that could mean an extra point come the end of the season, Paul Jewell, the Bradford manager, said. Seven of his sides remaining ten matches involve clubs in the bottom half of the league. Hardly burns of the month but preferable to getting into the ring with genuine contenders like Bolton, Birmingham and lpswich must do. .

BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2): G Weish — L Todd (sub: A O'Brien, 73mm), D Moore, J Dreyer, W Jacobs — ALawrence, S McCell, G Wheiley, P Beagne — A Blake (sub: D Windass, 62), L Mills WORWACH, CITY (3-5-2), A Marsheli, — C Flerring, I. Marshali, M Mackay — D Sutch, P Grant (sub: A Forbes, 45), C Bellany, M. Miligart, C Wiscon — I Roberts, K O'Nelli (sub: C Liewellyn, 45) Referees: A Wiley (Stafford),

## **Ipswich refuse to gloat as** Johnson signals intent

Ipswich Town .

THE resounding groan that greeted the Tannoy announcement revealing Norwich City had lost 4-1 reflects just how serious matters are becoming at Ipswich Town. Usually, the Portman Road faithful would have cheered this crushing defeat for their fiercest rivals in such a vociferous manner that anybody leaving the ground before the final whistle would be convinced they had

On this occasion, though, there was no desire to gloat, for Norwich had been brushed aside by Bradford City - one of three clubs that stand a realistic chance of preventing lpswich from being automatically promoted from the Nationwide League first division as bridesmaids to Sunderland, the champions in all but name, come May,

Not that the Suffolk side will have to look over their shoulders for much longer if they continue to play like they did against Huddersfield Town, themselves pursuing a place

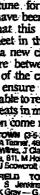
fee. George Burley, the Ipswich manager, will discuss personal terms with the

midfield player tomorrow. Ipswich led from the thirteenth minute, when Johnson evaded Gray and hit a fierce left-foot shot that Vaesen, the Huddersfield goalkeeper, did well to block - only for Magilton to thump home the rebound. Stockwell and Scowcroft fluffed chances to extend the advantage before

Johnson, the man of the

between, Scowcroft, playing his first full game for three months after injury, powered a header against the crossbar. Bobby Petta, a substitute, eventually made it 3-0 seven mined down a free kick by Wilnis and finished with aplomb. At the other end Richard

Johnson, the surplus (pswich goalkeeper, must have considered indulging in some belat-ed Red Nose Day activities. Whistling the Record Breakers theme tune for 90 minutes would have been appropriate given that this was his 21st clean sheet in the league this season; a new club record. A few more between now and the end of the campaign will help to ensure that Ipswich fans are able to respond to Norwich defeats in more traditional fashion come next season. Thete (sub: A Tenner, 46mar), T Mondrey, M Thete (sub: A Tenner, 46mar), T Mondrey, M Venus -- F Wirns, J Claphan, M Stockwell sub 8 Pets, 811, M Holland, J Magition --D Johnson, J Scowcroft (sub: R Naylor, 83). HUDDERSHELD YOWN (4.4-2) N Vasser — S Jenvirs, R Educards, C Armstrong, K Gray — G Johnson, C Beech, D Philips, B Thomiey (sub: D Facey, 45) — M Stevent, W Allson (sub: S Baldrey, 78), Referee F Stream



## Howells returns to save Cheltenham

tenham Town's long-term absentees, marked his return from injury by scoring the equaliser in an exciting contest between sides that have become all too familiar with each other at Broadhall Way

Howells met a pass from Bob Bloomer and cannoned a fierce shot off Taylor at his near post to secure Cheltenham's third draw in three matches. That might be viewed as points dropped for the Nationwide Conference title favourites but Steve Conterill, the Cheltenham manager, was philosophical

was giving away two silly goals." Cheltenham had taken an

early lead when Brough fullowed up a shot by Yates, par-ried by Taylor, before Stevenage levelled with a near-post header from Alford.
They went ahead when

Leadbeater, signed for an un disclosed record fee from Here-ford United, marked his home debut with a spectacular goal, lofting a shot over Book. With Dale Watkins injured,

Cotterill says that if he moves before the transfer deadline it will be to sign a forward. Meanwhile, he must face up to losing Bloomer, who was sent off for a second yellow card five minutes from the finish. We've had some of our

more creative players out through injury. Cotterill said. "It would be nice to wave a magic wand and have them back out on the pitch but you can't do that."

STEVENAGE BOROUGH (3-5-2) C
Taylor — R Kirby, M Strith, I Howarth — I
Harvey J Strouts, S Berry, M Tüber, R
Hamson (sub. C Pearson, £8mm) — G
Altor, R I Leadbeater
CHEL TENHAM TOWN (4-4-2), S Book
M Duff, M Froeman, J Brough, R Welker—
K Kingth (sub. I Howelle, 46), M Yatha, 18
Biogney, J Victory — N Graygon, J Esfor
Gatz N Howelle, 61)

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#### match, did so moments before and, as a further statement of intent, the club will this week half-time with a low shot from Huddersfield Town.....0 just inside the penalty area. After the interval Johnson secure the services of lim Magilton, who has been play hit the post from an desterangle and forced a superbone By Andy Stephens ing on loan from Sheffield Wednesday for the past two months, for an undisclosed handed save from Vaesen. In

master's touch from 12 yards. missed a last-minute goal. In response, QPR changed tactics, utilising the speed of Chris Kiwomya, the substitute. They were rewarded with a 69th-minute penalty as Kiwomya's run was halted by the rash challenge of Mike Whit-low. Keith Rowland converted from the spot but, despite late pressure. OPR returned south still deeply involved in the rele-

in the play-offs, on Saturday. After an indifferent spell of

Fry said. "We've got a lot of youngsters, and while they are

gaining experience the fans have got to get behind them."

The home side frequently created threatening wide posi-

tions but foundered largely on

has been broken. Swansea

City are getting into theirs

after just three defeats in the

past 19 league games. A surg-

ing run and 20-yard shot by

Fry: facing criticism

While Peterborough's stride

an inability to cross the ball.

form they were back on song

Johnson: in fine form

in the division above - in a

season when all three league

sides in Wales reached the FA Cup fourth round - it may be

that football in the Principality

is thriving enough not to need

large loans from rival football

John Hollins, the Swansea

manager, spared a thought

afterwards for his counter-

part. They've got a good manager here and I think the sup-

porters were being a little hard

on him," he said. As Peterbor-

ough sank further behind the

leading pack in the division, the banner and the chants demanded: "Fry out". Wheth-

er or not he survives, it seems

increasingly unlikely that "Fry-up" will be on the head-

line writers' menu this May.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED 14-23 M
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Drusy — S Dartes, M GB (sub. S Folkes,
Pennin, S Caste, D Famila — D Boughter
Isato, W Anchews, 50), F Green,
SWANSEA GTTY 14-2: H Free-state — K
O'Lysy, J Smith, M Sound M Howard — S
Roberts, N Kusano, J Coalen, R Applichy —
J Acare, S Ethicher

G Frankland

## Fry feels the pressure of Peterborough's descent

Stevenage Borough... Cheltenham Town..... Stuart Roberts in the second minute gave them victory that cemented their place in the play-off positions. With Car-diff City joint top on points and Wreyham consolidating

By WALTER GAMMIE

LEE HOWELLS, one of Chelon Saturday.

about the result.

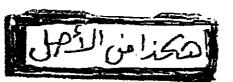
After five meetings since December, including an FA Umbro Trophy replay abandoned at half-time, he clearly respects a Stevenage side to which Richard Hill is increasingly giving his own stamp. "We'd have settled for a draw at the start," Cotterill said. "What disappointed me

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Oliver Holt sees United's opponents struggle before their big match

## Ronaldo the dreamer facing rude awakening

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assured?

t their training camp on the edge of the cornfields, they paraded Ronaldo in front of the Italian press vesterday and it felt like watching those television pictures that autocracies distribute sometimes to reassure the people that their ailing leader is

He looked content enough, this man who has become more than a man in Milan, who has become something they call The Phenome-non. He smiled as he walked slowly up the wide spiral staircase to the interview room and got a few laughs

by saying a mannered "thank you" to the English media at the end of a press conference that he had conducted in fluent

He knows that Internazionale expect him to save their season against Man-chester United on Wednesday night, that they are desperate for him to inspire their ailing side to overcome the 2-0 deficit they take into the second leg of their European Cup quarter-final.

So he spoke of his "duty" and others said that, with Ronaldo in the side, anything is possible. It does not seem to make any difference that he started his first game for two months only on Saturday night, that he managed only 45 half-hearted minutes in the 2-2 draw against AC Milan in the cauldron of the San Siro. He is, quite palpably,

If Inter were not in such a sorry state, marooned mid-table in Serie A and freshly knocked out of the Italian Cup, they would not contemplate rushing him back like this. On Saturday, as the red smoke bombs cascaded down on to the pitch, turning the vast arena into a scarlet hell, Ronalof tackles, marginalised by the excel-lence of Alessandro Costacurta. Yet still Inter depend on him like a

lame man leaning on a splintered crutch. "I have suffered to try to be ready for this match. I have worked and worked to get over my injury and last night, for the first time, I played without pain," Ronaldo said. "I am not 100 per cent fit but we all know that if Manchester United score, we must be prepared to score He has felt this way before. He has

felt the pressure squashing him like a crusher in a breaker's yard. It broke him in the That he World Cup final and now, eight months later, Ronaldo is having to conwill be

front it all over again.
The spectre of United was everywhere he looked every way he turned. It was in those smoke bombs at the San Siro on Saturday night and in the taunts of AC Milan's red brigades and the United flags that they unfurled high on the Curva Sud.

Yesterday, the spectre of United even bushwhacked him at the Inter retreat in Appiano Gentile. It came in the beguiling form of a smiling six-year-old Italian boy they called Panlino, who had been watching shyly from the back of the room as Ronaldo spoke.

Someone at the front called him forward. They told him to show Ronaldo what shirt he was wearing underneath his jumper but he squirmed away, gigging. Ronaldo smiled uncertainly and then someone told him why the boy was so embarrassed. He was wearing a United shirt, they said. His favourite player was David Beckham.

That Ronaldo will start the match



The returning Ronaldo, left, is off the pace as he goes in for a challenge with N'Gotty, of AC Milan

against Roy Keane, Jaap Stam, Dwight Yorke and the rest now seems certain. That he will be unable to turn the tide of the tie, though, seems equally assured. His own lack of fitness and confidence aside, Inter looked every bit as vulnerable in defence as they had done at Old Trafford ten days ago, when they fell to two goals fashioned by Beckham and headed home by Yorke.

On that occasion it was Aron Winter, playing at left wing back, who was exposed by the brilliance of Beckham. On Saturday night, Inter switched to a 4-4-2 system but, once more, they were undone by their vulnerability on that same left flank.

Inter had replaced Winter with the full back, Mickael Silvestre, but he was overrun by the incursions of the Danish wing back, Thomas Helveg, and by the trickery of Leonardo, who scored both the goals for AC Milan, with only an own goal and Zanetti sparing Inter's blushes.

The longer the game continued, the more Alex Ferguson's assured prediction that United will score on Wednesday, so forcing Inter to score at least four times in reply if they are to progress, assumed credence.

That is why Inter need Ronaldo so badly now, that is why they are falling into the same trap that Brazil plunged into in the hours before the

World Cup final, when they saw the illusion of their supremacy disappearing with Ronaldo's convulsions. Once more he will be at centre stage on Wednesday, when he has not had time to learn his lines. His only refuge is in dreams. "I dream every night about scoring goals," he said yesterday. "The night before the game against Manchester United will not be any different."

WITERNAZIONALE (4-4-2): G Pagisuca — F Colornese, D Smc, T West, M Silvestre — J Zaneto, P Sousa (sub: B Cauet, 56min), D Smeone, Y Djorkeeli (sub: R Baggo, 69) — Ronaldo (sub: N Venola, 46), I Zamorero.

AC MILAN (3-4-3): C Abbieti — B N'Gotty, A Costacurta, P Naidim — T Helveg, M Ambrosmi, Z Boban (sub: R Donadon, 61), A Gugliehmpetro — Leonardo (sub: F Ayala, 80), O Bierholf, G Weah Referenc: P Colina.

Viduka's tardiness may be too painful to bear for the Scottish

Craig Burley's hooked shot in the last minute scaled the biggest win in Abendeen in 36 years, but the real prize of a title might be within closer sight had they not been forced to endure Viduka's soap-opera transfer from Croatia Zagreb.

It was impossible to detect any shred of doubt in the home team during the early stages as they worked ceaselessly to close Celtic down and control the midfield.

Celtic's monopoly, with Larsson, not surprisingly, the chief goal threat. Derek Whyte, the Aberdeen central defender, halted Larsson's progress with a scything tackle, but the Sweden forward's free kick curled just over the bar.

Hardly had Celtic been effect, by putting them ahead in the 26th minute.

Whereas the first effort was

## Viduka begins to repay Celtic's faith

BY PHIL GORDON

THE DELAY over Jorge Cadete's arrival turned out to be as costly for Jim Farry as it was for Celtic three years ago, yet putting a price on Mark

champions. The Australia forward underlined the potent partnership that he has formed with Henrik Larsson and both scored twice in an impressive display at Pittodrie that reduced the gap on Rangers at the top of the Scottish Premier

League to ten points.

However, menace remained

The physical element, though, was underlined in the 19th minute when Mike Newell, the Aberdeen forward, clashed in the air with his marker, Johan Mjallby. It was accidental, but that was of little comfort to the Celtic player. who had to leave the field for three minutes to stem the flow

of blood from his head wound. restored to full strength than Viduka used his head to better

Regi Blinker, fortuitously, was given a second chance to take his corner, because he placed the ball outside the arc.

appalling, the reprise was flighted perfectly for Viduka, at the near post, to thump a downward header between the legs of defender Andy Dow, who was guarding the post, to squueze over the line.

Aberdeen's move was not

improved when they appeared to be denied a penalty four minutes later when the ball struck the hand of Riseth, the Celtic defender.

Celtic crushed any optimism Aberdeen may have nursed for a comeback when Viduka doubled the advantage three minutes into the second

The Australian was in-volved at the onset, flicking a long ball into the path of Larsson, who transferred it to Blinker. The winger's pace created the space for a raking shot across the face of goal, eluding goalkeeper Derek Stil-lie, but striking a post. Viduka, however, followed up to tap in the rebound.

Celtic killed the game in the 69th minute. Stillie performed admirably to turn Larsson's free kick round a post, but from Blinker's short corner. McKinlay's cross sought out the unmarked Larsson whose header gave the goalkeeper lit-

tle chance. Aberdeen's spilled over, though surpris-ingly in the case of Nigel Pepper. The substitute had been on the pitch for only six minutes when he was sent off in the 72nd minute for a dreadful tackle on Blinker.

Larsson though, had not finished inflicting pain. A minute later, the Swede's dreadlocked head guided in Burley's excel-lent cross for his 35th goal of

Robbie Winters gained some consolation for Aberdeen in the 79th minute, robbing Lambert and holding off two challenges before steering his shot past Gould but Burley restored Celtic's four-goal ad-Vantage a minute from time.

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VERNONS LOTTERY FOOTBALL GAME

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S MATCHES: There were seven score craws; Covertry v Blackburn, Lecester v Charton, Port Vale v Stockport, Portsmouth v Crystal Palace, Blackpool v Wreyham, Cardilly Torquay, Greenock Morton - Raith Payous on seven, six and five score drains. This weeks confirmed pay out for, Seven score draws, 2 without each \$39,365.50. Su score draws, 56 minners. each \$531.50. Five score draws: 1,192 witness each \$5.

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SIMON ARCHER and

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gaining fresh momentum in

For Goode, who feared that

her career at the highest level was over when she became

pregnant after the Atlanta

Olympics, it was especially

notable. She became the first

mother for 14 years to win an

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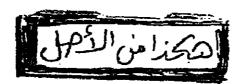
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## Lara celebrates day of destiny

From Pat Gibson in kingston, jamaica

IT WAS Courtney Walsh Day at Sabina Park here, by decree of the West Indies Cricket Board, in recognition of the achievements of the great Jamaican fast bowler, but, in keeping with so many pronouncements that have embarrassed Caribbean cricket in recent times, they got the

Saturday was Walsh's day. Yesterday undoubtedly belonged to Brian Lara, who could not have done more to convince them that there is no one else of his stature to lead them out of their present crisis with a wonderful exhibition of batsmanship that brought him his first century in 15 Tests and 18 months.

Whatever they think of his qualities of leadership - and they thought so little of them on the shambolic tour of South Africa that they virtually put him on probation for the first two Tests against Australia they could only admire the character and skill with which he responded to the greatest challenge of his career.

Lara could not have been under greater pressure in this second Test, which will decide his

future as captain. He seemed to be doing his best to meet the selectors' criteria, reacting positively to most situations and encouraging his bowlers at every opportunity on the first day, when Australia needed a resolute century from their captain, Steve Waugh, and an equally idiosyncratic 67 from his twin. Mark, to recover

from Walsh's opening salvo. However, Lara was booed to the crease when he went out to bat with his side in desper-ate straights at five for two in response to Australia's 256. A sceptical public was even scoffing that, if he was out early when they resumed on 37 for four, West Indies might struggle to avoid the follow-on.

Lara gave them the perfect answer. He saw off first the spin of Shane Warne and then the pace of Glenn McGrath with the most watchful, studious demonstration of defensive batting. It was almost faultless, especially against McGrath, whose dominance over him in the past two series had done as much as anything to end 20 years of West Indies

His fifty took him 198 min-Supremacy over Australia
As if in celebration, Lara utes. 140 deliveries and contained only six fours, but soon he was dancing down the pitch to drive Warne for six, clipping him through midwicket and sweeping him for

four like a man released. ALISTRALIA: First innings A LISTRALIA: First Image
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1 L Enger c Jacobs b Welsh
L Langer c Jacobs b Welsh
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S R Waugh c Joseph b Collins
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-5, 3-17, 4-34



Makeba Perry slam-dunks for Manchester Giants in their Uni-ball Trophy final victory over Derby Storm

English National senior men's

cross country champion but,

had the actor in him been

more talented, he would have

been appearing at the National rather than running

in it. The stage is Pugsley's

The 27-year-old Birchfield

Harrier won the title between

rehearsals for his school pro-

duction of The Wizard of Oz.

The Yellow Brick Road on Fri-

day and Sunday, the ploughed

fields of Newark and Notts

"Running is the bane of my

life." Pugsley said, a some-

what surprising admission

from a highly-trained athlete.

"It is not what I want to be

doing. I want to be singing in a

musical at the West End."

Extraordinary. Never in the

112-year history of this cherished old championship

can there have been such a

reluctant holder of the title.

Showground on Saturday.

#### BASKETBALL

## Baker deliveries vital for Giants

Manchester Giants ... Derby Storm....

By Nicholas Harling

FOR those of us who went along to the National Exhibition Centre expecting a one-sided contest on Saturday, the Uni-Ball Trophy final had two

saving graces.

The first was that Derby
Storm made a gallant game of
it before succumbing to Manchester Giants. The second, a blessing for most Englishmen, was that Ronnie Baker, the only current home-based England international, was voted most valuable player.

But for the presence of Baker in the Giants' back court, where he raised the ternpo and shot five invaluable three pointers, Laszlo Nemeth, the England coach, could have been forgiven for believing he was wasting his time among the 6.500 crowd. "What else is there apart from Ronnie,' Nemeth replied when asked why he had bothered to

Nick Nurse, the Giants' coach, was full of debt to the darting, dextrous 5ft 4in Baker for bringing the first honour to Manchester's baskethall in all its different guises for 13 years. "If he hadn't banged in those

ugly." Nurse said, recalling his squad's early indifferent start that left them facing a potential upset

Derby, without the banned pair of Yorick Williams and Rico Alderson, were further weakened by the recent knee ligament injury that kept Nick Donovan, the 6ft 11in England centre, on the bench. In the cir-cumstances it was astonishing not only that Derby's depleted squad clutched more offensive rebounds than Manchester, but led for so long. Martin Ford, Maurice Rob-

inson and John Tresvant challenged for every loose ball to retain the advantage that Nate Reinking was primarily responsible for giving the Storm. He sank the first seven points to the huge delight of his coach Bob Donewald, ever the showman, who acted as unofficial cheerleader, pleading with the Derby supporters to raise the decibel level.

For the first three minutes those supporters were in heaven. It took the Giants that long to open their account through Baker whose third long-range shot reduced the Derby advantage to 18-17 at the end of their first quarter.

LEADING SCORERS: Manchester Glants: Dorsey 28, Baker 21, White 16, Per-ry 11, Decby Storm: Burns 20, Reinlang 16, Robinson 14.

ATHLETICS: BIRCHFIELD HARRIER WITH ACTING ASPIRATIONS WINS NATIONAL MEN'S TITLE

The English trailed 5-8, led 12-8, then slipped to 12-13 at

Birmingham's National Indoor Arena and put 4,000 hearts in their owners' mouths by missing four match points before Archer's low serve and Pugsley is soon to become quick kill finished it.

on to monitor the delay.

Earlier, Ye Zhaoying became the first player since Judy Hashman in 1964 to win the women's singles title three times in a row, though the final against Dai Yun, her compatriot, was little more than a training exercise. Ye's 9-11, 11-5, 11-1 win was played almost in silence, unlike the hypertension surrounding the men's final won by Peter Gade, the world No I from Denmark, who was embraced by his girlfriend. Camilla Martin, the other Danish world No I, after she had disentangled herself from a tussle with two rather conscientious stewards.

Gade won the sport's oldest title 15-11, 7-15, 15-10 against its youngest finalist in the open era. Tawfik Hidayat, 17. of Indonesia, who remained the sensation of the tournamen after earlier beating two of the leading seeds.

Nf7

Rb8

### Wasim inaugurates a new hall of fame

WASIM AKRAM, the Pakistan captain, became the first bowler to claim a hat-trick in two consecutive Test matches yesterday as Pakistan took a firm grip on the Asian Test final on the third day in Dhaka. Wasim's feat came after double centuries by Ijaz Ahmed and inzamam-ul Haq had left Sri Lanka on the brink of a heavy defeat. ijaz made 211 and Inzamano an unbeaten 200 as Pakistan ground down the Sri Lanka attack to pile up an imposing 594 shortly before the close.

Wasim then created a sensation as Sri Lanka, needing 364 to avoid an innings defeat, slipped to nine for there in 13 deliveries before strongs.

tain, who achieved a similar company on HS as the touring feat in the Labore Test last side advanced to 442 for one.

week, destroyed the tired top order with speed and move-ment. He had Avishka Gunawardena caught brilliantly in the slips by Shahid Airidi from his fifth hall and shattered the stumps of the night-watchman, Chaminda Vaas, from the next. Wasim re-moved Mahela Jayawardena with his first hall of the next over, having him caught in

Gibbs and Jacques Kallis second-wicket stand of 315 as South Africa established a lead of 274 to take into the final day of the second Test against New Zealand. Gibbs

Robertson takes centre stage

the slips.
In Christchurch, Herschelle
Kallis shared a record unbeaten finished the fourth day on 20

swivelled to pull McGrath gloriously and then greeted

the appearance of Stuart MacGill by smashing his first

ball, a full toss, to the boundary and driving him contemptuously through the covers.

Lara had been given gallant support by Pedro Collins, the

bowler who had gone in as

nightwatchman 20 minutes be-

fore the close on Saturday and

stayed for another 40 minutes

yesterday, helping Lara to add 22 before he was felled by a

ball from Jason Gillespie that

This brought in Jimmy

Adams, but well as he played in support of Lara, there was

no comparison between the

two. At lunch, when he had

made 42, Lara went off to a

standing ovation from the

George Headley Stand and

though he went through his stickiest patch against McGrath immediately afterwards, edging high to the left of second slip, where even Mark Waugh could not cling to the catch, he moved up a gert in the offernoon.

gear in the afternoon.

forced him to retire hurt.

BOWLING: Ambrose 17-9-33-1; Watch 20-6-55-4; Collins: 18.3-2-79-3; Peny 17-1-79-1, Adams 1-0-8-0. WEST BIDGES: First Innings Campbell 5 McGrath Regionals low 5 Gillaspie Apberts o Warne 5 McGrath

Tobil (4 wkts) †R D Jacobs, N O Peny, C E L Ambrose and C A Walsh to bet

## **Pugsley provides** the theatrics

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

Barry Royden, who was runner-up for the second time but who has never won it, has made it his life's goal. All but a handful of the 1,500 who followed Pugsley to the finish know that, for them, winning can only ever be fantasy, never

an ambition. Yet Pugsley does not live and breathe running, like those around him. "I have been given this ability but, if there was something I could do instead. I would do it.

"I went for an audition for a West End musical and saw how many talented people

Winning the National is there were and I thought: I every club runner's dream. am not that good." Nevertheless, away from the West End, he has appeared in Chess,

Sweeney Todd and Barnum. Fittingly, Pugsley brought a theatrical end to his victory at Newark. In the finish funnel he received a rose from Mary Gash, the English Cross Country Association president. "I don't know you, but I love you," he shouted.

Bursting into song, Pugsley gave a chorus of Please Release Me. Yet he cannot be released from the chains of athletics. "I crave to be recognised and it is the one thing I can do to achieve that," he said.

house master in charge of 18 choristers at Lichfield. "I look at these kids running and see their enthusiasm," Pugsley said. "It makes me think: "Why have I not got it?" From Newark, Pugsley was off to see the wizard, the

wonderful Wizard of Oz. The National field conquered, now Dorothy was in his sights. "Dorothy was dodgy on Friday," Pugsley said. As director of the production, there was work to do before opening night. "Judy Garland would not have had as hard a time as I give them." he

For race drama, the senior women's event topped the bill. Angela Newport came from third place, with 400 metres to go, to win. Most races were marked by runaway victories. none more so than Sam Haughian's by Imin 34sec in the under-20 event.

## EENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Cambridge win

Cambridge University, the slight underdog in the annual Varsity match against Oxford. scored an overwhelming victory which belied the fact that the only grandmaster present was playing for the Dark Blues side.

The contest was held at the RAC in London and sponsored by Tony Buzan and the Brain Trust charity. Full results are as follows (Cambridge players precede Oxford players on the list):Brian Kelly (Trinity) v Dharshan Kumaran (Green), Draw; Harriet Hunt (St Johns) v Jonathan Rowson (Keble), Draw: Mark Ferguson (Queens) v Aleksander Trifunovich (St Annes). Draw; Karl Mah (Pembroke) Oliver Rosten (Sommerville), Draw, James Vigus (St Dunstans) v Benjamin Savage (Lady Margaret), I-O; David Moskovich (Queens) v Joel Quaknine (St Cross), I-O; Aron

Cohen (Queens) v Kieran Smallbone (New), Draw; Nathan Alfred (Kings) v Emily Howard (Lincoln), I-0; Total: The following game won the

brilliancy prize awarded by Rowe and Mawe, City solici-

White David Moskovic Black: Joel Ouaknine Varsity Match 1999

Sicilian Defence ИRS ďΔ Nxd4 Nxc6

ga tre5 QZ Na4 Nc5 Bc3 Bc4+ Diagram of final position

Qh5+

Bd2

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By Philip Howard

**WORD-WATCHING** 

VISHNUTTE a. A Hindu b. A metal c. Arctic twilight

ZERUMBET a. A conical bead-dress b. An aromatic plant

c. A Carthaginian god

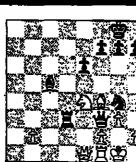
ZYGAENA a. A gypsy b. A grammatical hiatus c. A fish

VALETAILLE a. A lot of valets b. A farewell speech

c. A Provencal cabbage

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Solution on page 46



#### Cathy Harris reports on the exciting closing rounds of the national SPORT schools netball championships jolly hard work and I'm very hatever the outproud of the school's achievecome, Croydon

High School had every reason to celebrate the 31st annual national schools championships at Roedean School on Saturday. With teams qualifying from all three age groups. the occasion marked a personal milestone for Croydon's head of netball, Liz Robertson, who has guided sides to the finals for 30 successive years.

Presented with an engraved pen and pencil set by the Ali England Netball Association in recognition of her achieve-ment, it would have rounded off a remarkable day if one of Robertson's teams had triumphed. She had returned with the same under-19 side who lost last year's final but in the end she had to settle for two fifth places and a seventh. Robertson said: "It's been

ments. The expectations are immense but I honestly don't mind when they lose. I'm sure the girls at Croydon are no different to any others in that they re involved in so many other activities and some will probably never play again once they've left school. I firmly believe that enjoyment is the most important factor and you can't win all the time."

Starting at the end of last year with county and regional qualifying games, 54 teams from three age groups made the most of bright conditions in Sussex, playing 225 matches on 12 courts en route to the

finals. Last season's runners-up. and Rawtenstall Bacup captured their first national title in the under-14 section. and Our Lady's Chetwynde.

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from Cumbria, crushed Oldham VI Form College's hopes of becoming the first team to make it a hat-trick of wins when they lifted their third under-19 title in six years. Fairfax, from Sutton Coldfield, collected the under-16 championship when they edged out last year's beaten finalists, Broxbourne, by a solitary goal.

n a follow-up to a pilot eight area academies.

scheme last year, England's coach, Mary Beardwood, and the chairman of the national selectors, Liz Broomhead, along with the management teams of the jurnior national squads attended the event to identify talent for the England under-17 and England 2000 squads. Players will be invited to training camps at one of Hayley Costick, a goal at-tack from Barton Peveril sich

Hampshire, is a member of the England 2000 squad, and Jill Mulrooney, Natalie Con-nor and Melissa Storey from The English Martyrs School in Hartlepool that came close to clinching a place in the under-16 final, have represented England under-17. Fairfax also boast under-17 internationals in defenders Army Leach and Georgina Williams, with both playing key roles in their squad's success, while three other players from the school have been invited to

> last year, their coach. Thea Hassall, must take much of the credit for steering her young side to successive titles. Since 1970. Robertson has seen numerous changes, especially in the standard of play. "It has improved unbelievably," she said. "And it's amazing how much more netball is played at all levels. I think it's become very physically demanding for the players, but this event is unique in that it gives so many girls the opportunity to represent their school and take on the best." NIMDER-19: Senti-Braile: Bobiolo 7 Our Lady's Chetwynde 13: Benton Pevent 10 New College 7: Finet: Ou Lady's Chetwynde 19: Benton Pevent 19: Under-19: Senti-Braile: English Martyns 8 Brostoume 9: Fairfax 8: Under-19: Senti-Braile: Brostoume 7: Gable Hall 11: Fairlax 9: Bacup and Rawtenstal. 15: Finet: Gable Hall 7: Rezus and Rawtenstal. 16: Finet: Gable Hall 7: Rezus and Rawtenstal. 16: Finet: Gable Hall 7: Finet: Gable Hall 7:

attend the academy training.

Winners of the under-14 group

A goal attack has her sights set on scoring during the finals of the national schools netball championships



#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The datum (average result) on today's hand from the Macallan International Pairs was +600 to East-West as game is cold in spades or diamonds. It was therefore imperative for East-West to collect the full +800 from South's sacrifice in Five Clubs to gain on the board, rather than +500 and lose on it.

Dealer	South	Game all	IMPs
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S	W	N	<u>E</u> _
Zia	Price	Robson	Townsend
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East won the ace of spades and returned the six to West's king. If West lazily continues spades at this point, declarer ruffs, cashes the ace of diamonds, ruffs a diamond, and throws him back in with ace and another dub. Now when he returns a heart declarer puts in the ten and ducks East's jack. East is endplayed and South escapes for two down, only

But West, David Price, was wide awake and switched to the seven of hearts at trick three. Zia covered with the ten and craftily let the jack hold. Again a spade back fails: declarer ruffs, eliminates diamonds. cashes the aces of clubs and hearts and throws West in with the king of clubs to concede a ruff-and-discard. Townsend carefully played back a diamond to remove this threat. Now declarer is a dummy entry short to eliminate both

spades and diamonds, and

West has an exit card when

he gets in with the king of

clubs. The defenders get all

five of their tricks for +800. Hard work for a mere 5 IMP swing.

☐ The European Open and Seniors Pairs start in Warsaw today. Good luck to all British contestants, though they will do well to come home with any medal as France and Poland have both

sent most of their top players. □ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Garbarczyk -

Krasenkov, Poland 1998. Black has tremendous pressure against the f2-square. Can you calculate the fine tactical sequence which he found

to exploit this?

## Keegan confronts some painful realities

n the day that Eng-land's third coach of this year was appointed, one newspaper decided that there was no point in wasting time "Keegan must go," declared tongue was firmly wedged in the cheek.

The depressing notion, as Keegan sits down to select his first international squad this week, is that it will not be a campaign by nasty football hacks that makes his job an impossible one. It is that it is the players, or rather the lack of truly outstanding ones, that has brought down successive

Where, for example, does Keegan find a left-sided mid-

field player to face Poland the critical European championship qualifier a week on Saturday? We are not talking about a great player, not even a very good one, but any international footballer whose left leg is the headline, although the not merely the one he stands on when he is kicking the ball with his right. Answers by Thursday, please, to Lancaster

> Darren Anderton was dispatched reluctantly to the left in the 2-0 defeat by France last month and looked as if he had been dropped on Mars. Instead of impressing Keegan at Pride Park on Saturday, Steve McManaman, who should have filled the role for the last two years, spent Saturday afternoon watching television.

"He was not injured, not ill," Gérard Houllier, his Liver-

pool manager, said, but he is moving to Real Madrid in the summer. So, through no fault of his own, one of the country's most talented footballers is spending his days twiddling his thumbs. Given that it will be hard to

select McManaman, does Keegan opt for Steve Guppy. Leicester City's hard-working winger? He thinks so highly of him that, while manager of Newcastle United, he let him

Matt Dickinson says the new England manager's options are limited as he ponders his first squad selection

ing a league game. Jason Wilcox? The right-footed Paul Merson? Or does he push Graeme Le Saux into midfield with Phil Neville or Andy

> Nor is central midfield a treasure chest, although there are promising young players available to him. Paul Ince is suspended so Keegan is spared the task of telling Liverpool's slowing captain that his international career is edging towards its close.

Hinchcliffe at left back?

So the informed guesswork

David Batty, whose last kick of a ball for England was that penalty miss against Argentina. To put Jamie Redknapp alongside him would make a one-paced midfield, even though the Liverpool player has become more dynamic, so Paul Scholes may be the best

That is assuming, of course, that David Beckham is kept wide on the right. What England would give for a player like Patrick Vieira, who cannot get into the France side.

Hoddle had to go. There is no latitude for mismanaging what few brilliant players we do have, and Hoddle was increasingly guilty of it

For Keegan, we can at least expect the players to perform with zest. Alan Shearer should be revitalised by the reunion with the man who signed him for Newcastle United. From Le Saux to Beckham, Cole to Sutton, there should be a lifting of the suspicion that had injected the Hoddle camp. But let nobody go into the next few months believing that England's problems can be turned. around purely by Keegan's stirring patriotism.

England are still trying to catch up. This remains one of the few leading football countries where ten-year-old kids still run about on big pitches with big goals instead of improving their technique. At the professional level, we remain the only country where international players are applicated for whacking the ball into the stands.

the ball into the stands. That is why Keegan is enti-tled to a sympathetic gallery, and why the FA also deserves some understanding as it deliberates on his successor. Alex Ferguson continues to be the name tossed around, but it is a vain hope. The word is that he

superior group of players already, and he is probably

Keegan must be treated gently, not least because of his notoriously brittle temperament. It came close to shattering this season when the day job - management of Pulham in the Nationwide League second division - took a turn for the worse. Beaten for the first time at Craven Cottage, by Luton Town, Keegan threat-ened to resign if his players did not listen to instructions The England coach should have no cause to step down after the game with Poland. The Poles can, and should, be beaten. But he needs all the

support he can get.

"There are no surprises left in golf, only disappointments" — sad sentiments from a bygone hero

## Fallen Faldo still refuses to flirt with failure

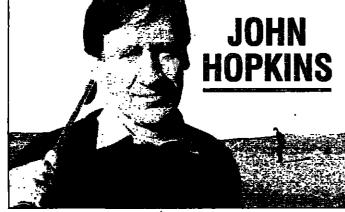
n January this year, Nick Faldo uttered the most depressing words I have heard on a golf course for a long time. He had just completed a bad round at the Houghton course in Johannesburg, another bad round, and was heading towards the practice ground again. "There are no surprises left in golf, only disappointments," Faldo said. This from the man who was once ranked the best golfer in the world for 80 weeks, whose mental strength obliterated Greg Norman in the Masters three years ago. who has won more major championships - six in all - since 1980 than any other golfer.

When success is around, failure is never far behind because the greater the degree of success, the greater the risk of failure. Faldo has had plenty of success. By many yardsticks, though, he is, at present, a failure. His consistency. once a byword, has gone. Only two of his 12 strokeplay rounds this year have been under par, so it is the halfway cut in four of the five events in which he has competed. He is struggling to remain not in the top 50 but in the top 100 players in the world. His putting, which he used to practice on the linoleum in the kitchen of his parents' home, comes and goes and his ball striking is erratic. Yet Faldo refuses to countenance

the word failure. At its mention, he frowns and grimaces, as a priest might at an obscenity. There is no point in thinking about it," he said. "You set yourself a goal, in this case to be in the Ryder Cup team, and there is no point in interjecting failure into it, otherwise there is no point in having it as a goal. You

might as well give up.
"Sure, I might not make it, but I'm not going to let everyone think it is going to happen. If you think your ball is going to go into the lake, where does it go? That's the whole beauty of having something as a goal. It keeps you going, keeps you positive, keeps you out there. You've got to keep pursuing your goals and, if you can't be bothered to set goals or if a goal is failure. then you've got no chance. "It is frustrating because I know

what I can do. I have done it in the



past - stood up there with an iron in my hand and fired it, whooooosh, straight at the flag. but the bottom line is that there is something wrong. It is not something that is in the lap of the gods. It is there and you still have to find it. It is a process of elimination."

Does it ever occur to Faldo that

reply came quickly. "No. Work is always the answer. "I don't believe the answer is sitting in an armchair saying well, I'll forget it for a week. It's all

that theory working at all. "I come out every day really feeling good. I get up, go out to the golf

going to be all right. I can't see



Times past: Faldo cheers his last major win at the 1996 Masters

some good things to work on. Let's go out and play and let it all happen. I am really looking forward to it. Those sort of thoughts. And what happens? Usually, I get a walloping. I think today it is going to change and it doesn't. That's the hardest bit.

"I get angry out there. I get as mad as hell. That is either the wonderful thing or the hardest thing about golf. There are no guarantees in it. Put your clubs down for three months and you're rusty again. You've got to work your way back into it. Not many players don't work at it. All the greats have

'I have had a lot of letters from people who have got the answer to my problem. I've had a few belters. I love the one that started off it's simple. I can solve your problems and there were six pages of the tiniest writing you've ever seen in your life. It must have been well over 2,000 words. I didn't even read it. I thought if this is lines — do this, do that."

hen you are down as low as Faldo, any recovery can only come in small stages. "You have to take it step by step. The next step is to start playing really solid, start getting some decent scores, get to the right end of the leaderboard. Then, we start looking at winning again. Win a regular event before we start thinking of winning majors, I guess."

And if, in the process, Faldo were not to make the Ryder Cup team? What would that mean? "I am planning to. I am not going to think negatively like that. A couple of months here [in the United States to sort it out and then I will go back to Europe and start chipping away at the points.

Nothing is easy at the moment. Yes, there are moments when you begin to wonder about it all. The game is giving you a beating all the time. You have to be very determined, that's the bottom line. You have got to keep chipping away all the time. I'll get there in the end. That's my attitude. I know I will. It ain't gonna beat me. I'm not going

**SPORTS LETTERS** 



Present dilemma: Faldo curses his wedge during the recent matchplay championships in California.

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#### Lewis fight aftermath

From Mr Cyril Wigmore Sir, it seems surprising that, despite all the millions of words written and spoken in pre-fight speculation about the likely result of the Holyfield-Lewis heavyweight championship, not one of the experts realised that the outcome had to be a draw,"

A victory for either boxer would have reduced the income from the inevitable rematch by many millions of dollars.

Yours faithfully. C.H.WIGMORE. Uplands, Syreford Road. Shipton Oliffe, Cheltenham GL54 4JG cwigmore@globalnet.co.uk

From Mr Paul Vanchiere Sir. On behalf of Americans who witnessed the Lewis-Holyfield fight this evening. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lennox

There is no doubt in my mind that he dominated the fight throughout the entire evening. He is truly the new undisputed champion of the world. Shamefully witnessed. PAUL VANCHIERE. 3319 Swanson Lane. Lake Charles. Louisiana 70601.

paul.vanchiere@prodigy.net Varsity boxing

From Mr Neil Allen
Sir. On the subject of the Varsity boxing match (report. March II) of course there should never be an "unofficial" weigh-in for such a potentially dangerous sport as boxing as, reportedly, Oxford underwent at midday. It should have had official observers from the Amateur Boxing Association.

From Mr Christopher Downs Sir. I watched the France-Wales rugby union match and, though not normally delirious about Wales recording a win, thought the match represented everything wonderful about this game.
Then came England. What a myopic.

introspective, boring encounter that turned out to be. Woodward's comments that he didn't care about the 22 penalties and that winning was the only important result flies in the face of what the watch-

ing public want.
I remember Woodward, along with

On the other hand, and far

ons as Duke McKenzie, Lloyd

Honeyghan and Glenn Mc-

Crory have told me that they

### Lessons from the uplifting win by Wales in Paris

Cusworth. Hare and Dodge displaying their skills for Leicester, and what a joy they were to watch. Today the awful predictability of the England team, and total lack of innovative thought, belies talent that must be searching for a greater

Woodward must empower talented players with the chance to expand on their skills. The continual turning inside to seek the support of the colossal pack is indicative of the attitude that says we must not lose. Let's remember the Wales win with joy and hope that lessons will be

learnt by the English team management. Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER DOWNS,

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From Mr Jim Andrews Sir. After the match in France, Graham Henry's men must look ahead with the statistic of never having lost at the Stade de France rather than never having won in Paris for almost a quarter of a century. Yours faithfully. JIM ANDREWS.

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during their boxing careers. more important to me. early weigh-ins - hopefully even 24 Yours faithfully, hours before a match - can do NEIL ALLEN. so much to avoid the kind of Times Boxing Correspondent drastic weight reduction, and 64 Ruskin Walk, SE24 9LZ. consequent risk of dehydration, which such British world professional boxing champi-From Mr Chris Haiev

Sir. Boxing is not the Varsity

sport with the longest series of

victories, nor is the record held

have sometimes undergone

by Oxford. Rather, it is another of the oldest Blues sports: target rifle shooting. The Cambridge University Rifle Association has not lost its match against Oxford for 18 years.

A similar run was obtained by the Cambridge University Small-Bore Club before their defeat two years ago. However, their Varsity match held last month was once more won by the Light Blues. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HALEY. Captain, Cambridge University Rifle Association.

St. John's College, CB2 ITP. Cup squads

From Mr M. Varcoe-Cocks Sir, Although no more than II players can take the field at

any one time in competitions such as World Cups for football and cricket, preliminary and final squads have to be announced by certain dates. England's cricket selectors had to obtain confirmation that if any of the members of the World Cup team broke down, they could be replaced, even

though the tournament does

not start until May 14. Final squads have to be announced by the first week in April — why? I can understand that organisers of a tournament might limit the number of competitors and management for which management for which expenses will be paid, but I cannot understand why a team should not be allowed to pick whatever players they want right up to the start of any game. What is the rationale

for this absurd rule? Yours sincerely, MICHAEL VARCOE-COCKS, 5 Brackenbury Road,

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#### White balls

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number, should be sent to: sport.letters@the times.co.uk

From Dr Anthony Freeman Sir. Richard Hobson (report, March 2) refers to the fact that the white cricket ball is noted. ous for swinging and seaming more than the red cricket ball. It also has other advantages.

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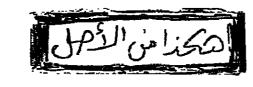
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it has been estimated that one in 12 men though only one in 200 women, have an inherited failure to distinguish between

red and green. I recall one cricketer who could not understand as a bats man why so often he lost sight of the ball which kept low, but when playing on matting wick-ets in India had no such prob-

lems. I would advocate the use of a white (or yellow) cricket ball in all county and Test matches which would, in my opinion. benefit batsmen fielders. umpires and spectators alike.

Yours etc. ANTHONY G. FREEMAN, Meadow Rise, 3 Lakeside; Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 IQE



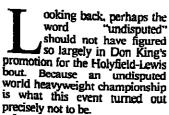
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I personally dispute it, for a start. And I will personally knock down anyone who doesn't. "Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness THRUST UPON THEM." King boomed at his deplorable postfight press conference, after the unjust draw had been awarded. "Tonight," he added, "Lennox Lewis had greatness THRUST UPON HIM."

Which was again a pretty insensitive category mistake, since Lewis's greatness had been very much of the achieved sort, actually, but then stolen from him in such a blatant manner that regular fight-goers were grey-faced afterwards from the weary, cynical

outrage of it. Up to the moment of the judges' decision, it had been a quite beguiling evening. Grazing on excellent Madison Square Garden sait popcorn, we could engage in harmless star-spotting through our binoculars, point out Jack Nicholson and Vinnie Jones, and mourn the discovery that Liam Neeson looks, in weak-chinned profile, worryingly similar to Lord

he cauldron of the MSG boiled with more than 21,000 people; in a city full of static electricity. where every doorknob and lift button administers a shock, one doesn't use the expression "buzz" lightly, but buzz there certainly

A mobbish English crowd predictably jeered The Star-Spangled Banner. They even booed the American celebrities, and chanted that Don King was a "fat bastard", thus proving yet again that you can take the lootball fan out of England, but not Engerland out of the football fan.

But when the fighters finally snaked a path to the ring at 11.15pm. and the flashbulbs popped, it was magic. The roar, the colour, the occasion, Finally we would see what these guys really were made of. And, incidentally, what enormous shorts! I had no

idea. Lewis said in an interview recently that every time his face appeared on the cover of an American magazine, it had a question mark next to it. Well, his mystery turned out to be both his weakness and his strength in this

Saturday night. The trouble is, he is not a killerinstinct kind of guy. He is a big. thoughtful man who expends minimum effort for optimum effect and apparently knows exactly what he's doing. From the moment the first-round bell sounded, Holyfield appeared to be back-pedalling on the spot, inviting Lewis to show what he could do. Perhaps he wanted to be tested to unbearable lengths again, so that he could win (as usual) by bloody warrior courage alone. But Lewis wasn't playing that game, because he knew it didn't work. And for that relief (as King's own tame Swan of Avonused to say), much thanks.

You see, some of us didn't relish the idea of watching Holyfield half-killed in the ring. However. we'd been led to believe that only by half-killing him could Lewis beat him. It was therefore a fantastic feeling to watch Lewis outbox Holyfield in round after round and prove that half-killing an inferior opponent is an option that a

smart fighter can ignore. That's how I saw it. anyway. saw that while working Holyfield relentlessly with the famous left

jab, and openly dominating him, Lewis was like an angler teasing a fish on his line. Just because he didn't bang the fish on the head with a mallet doesn't mean he didn't catch him. Put it this way: at very few moments did the fish take

So euphoria turned to acid outrage when the judges' decisions were announced. Especially when we heard that the first call was so tight (115-113). "How can it be so

close?" was the initial puzzle. which was then swept aside by the announcement that this was the result in favour of Holyfield. The next judge announced in favour of Lewis and the third announced a draw. It still makes me feel sick to

think about it. It wasn't just unbelievable, it was the American variant that comes in two separate words: "Un" and "Believable." One minute the jubilant Lewis had

slung away the question mark for ever, the next it came flying back like a boomerang and knocked him over. So the bout that was supposed to settle everything had settled nothing — except perhaps that you can fool all of the people all of the time. I felt that I had been tricked. I felt that all the punters had been tricked, and especially I felt that Lewis had been taken for

an enormous sucker. In short, I felt (briefly) like torching the joint. Not a soul I spoke to agreed with the judges. On the sports network, ESPN, the bearded pundit who all week had given Lewis no chance against Holyfield picked up the judgment and tore it up. All the ostensible good work of this unification contest, in proving that boxing was sorting itself out as a legitimate sport, now looked hollow. So I am not happy, the morning after the contest. I am wearing the souvenir T-shirt, but only because it's clean. The one consolation is that Lewis, thank goodness, was so pleased to have proved his mettle to the world that he stood proud and fresh as a daisy at the press conference while

Now that everyone knows Lewis won the bout, they can stop saying he's untested, which must be a huge relief. Even Lewis's trainer, Emanuel Steward, gave the impression of being unconvinced before, but not now. Now he's just furious. Lewis from now on will

Holyfield evinced sweat and pain

and distress.

have sympathy as well as respect. But to the judges one can say only three words. Dolland and Aitchison. Meanwhile, King brazened it out, of course, because it takes more than a disgraceful outcome to deprive King of his almighty nerve. "What this is, is more excitement." he announced. wilfully ignoring the murderous mood of his listeners. "It ain tover yet, this is so great! What do you do when you got a dispute? You resolve it! So let's do it again! Let's do it again! Hey, judge not that ve be not judged!"

But it turns out that boxing stinks after all, Mr King, though not for the reasons that I had supposed. All week I feared the spectacle of violence - physical violence, one on one; each man battering the other's skull. But I hadn't figured the event for a mugging. Which it was. I'm afraid. Truly Un Believable (sic). And I regret to say it, but "Only in America!" sounds worse than ever on Don King's lips right now.



#### Iron glove: Lewis catches Holyfield with the kind of brutal punching power that ensures from now on he will have the sympathy as well as the respect of the boxing world. Photograph: Kathy Willens

#### ussie Fink-Nottle looked at the nickname embroidered on his ancient silk shorts. and sighed. Professional boxing had been a good life and

an interesting one. Little had he expected, for example, that his splendid sporting bouts in the old days against Cuthbert "Mark of the Beast" Larrington-Pugh would bring him to the attention of the New York lighting scene. Gussie made a fist and observed it. Nineteen men had been floored by this hand of stone — men with epithets as diverse and terrifying as "Executioner". "Hitman". "Heat". "Surgeon" and "Alarming". Yes, Gussie "After You" Fink-Nottle had carpeted the lot of them. He was in the his-

tory books.
The nickname "After You" was the brainwave of his manager. Lindy "Cheese-cake" LaGuardia. After

## After you. No, after you

much deliberation, it was conceded that menacing, boastful epithets simply wouldn't work for Fink-Nottle, and that was that "It's tough, but there ain't no point fightin' it." Cheesecake said. Thus, Gussie "The Real Deal" Fink-Nottle was considered briefly, only to be discarded. "The Utter Fink" had a promising timbre but it upset the well-bred Gussie to be associated with a soubriquet so patently untrue.

Cheesecake then noticed something happening. "After You" was such a startlingly unfamiliar concept in the New York boxing world that Gussie was found to be fatally disarming his opponents by sheer good manners, and first-round knockouts were becoming the norm.

"Waddaya mean, after you? queried the puzzled boxers. "Demolition" and "Cobra", as they paused to absorb the alien message embroidered on Gussie's waisthand. And in the split second that confusion rendered them vulnerable. Fink-Nottle would slip in a sharp, explosive right upper-cut, and retire yet again undefeated to his corner for his trademark Earl Grey with lemon in a

It couldn't last, however. And being so well-bred. Gussie did not mind. In fact, he remembered with a pleasure the night the Fink-Nottle ascendancy looked set to cease. Cheesecake had bowed to pressure for a proper fight and matched Gussie against

world of boxing was aflame with speculation. Would "After You" meet his match at laet?

For Gussie was to meet Tommy "The Zip" Mostel; but a Zip who had cumningly announced a name-change for the contest. Unsurprisingly. Gussie was disappointed but only because he had spent many weeks looking forward to quipping. "I say, rotten luck, Zip. You seem to

have been undone". For, in fact, he was secretly pleased when he heard the fateful news from Cheesecake on the phone. "He's calling himself 'Allow Me? Can you believe that? Tommy 'Allow Me' Mostel? And you know what he's savin'? He's sayin' you're the real salami. and that modesty, not to men-

tion excellent good manners forbids a prediction of the outcome of this contest. This is one clever Zip, Gussiel There ain't no flies on him!"

And so the world of boxing was turned on its head that night when "After You" and "Allow Me" squared up to each other. The cable net-works called the contest Men Behaving Decorously". On the plus side it irrevocably ended a lengthy era of rather silly pre-match bragging, though on the minus, it swung things rather too far in the opposite direction. Gussie switched on the tele-

vision, where the rehabilitated Mike "Who Me?" Tyson was preparing to challenge for the world heavyweight titie, and declaring he proba-bly wouldn't win it. "No, really! Who, me?" Tyson said, shyly. "Good heavens, have you never heard the expression that there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip?"

## No escape from the fans

I DON'T know what boxing football to find the behaviour fans are usually like, but the discovery that Lennox Lewis's barmy army was a tedious replica of the England Supporters' Club was

seriously depressing on Saturday night. I hadn't come 3,000 miles to hear the theme from The Great Escape; I had come 3.000 miles to get away from it. Here was dreary confirmation that travel fails to broaden the mind. The fans claimed to be walking in a Lewis wonderland. (oh God). and then they chanted, 'Lewis, Lewis" as if he were Shearer, Shearer.

True, the fans settled down during the fight and gave Lewis invaluable support, but it was unsettling after just a week away from transplanted to a venue I assumed had exotic and different traditions. The flags of St George came out: men shouted while standing and pointing. A ten-second silence for Joe di Maggio was not observed by all. And

when the various front-row celebrities were announced for our delight, most of them. astonishingly, were booed.

Now this was bizarre. What on earth did this crowd have against Jerry Seinfeld? Are they sore he has given up the show, and refuses to make a further series? Do they prefer Larry

Sanders? Or what? They booed Paul Simon with similar confidence, presumably on account of overexposure to Bridge Over Troubled Water, but I'm only guessing. Nationality was probably a key thing in their animosity. Also ignorance. Clearly they had never heard of Spike Lee, but harboured unsuspected hattred in their hearts for Donald Trump, Michael J.

Fox and John Cusack. But having said all that, why the enormous cheer for Jack Nicholson? I am as big a fan as anybody of his performance in Chinatown, but I don't see it makes him an honorary Brit. All I can say with certainty is that the big cheer for Chris Eubank is not a reflection of his popularity at home. When he drives round Brighton in his silly American jeep, we are so embarrassed that we pretend we haven't noticed.

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## Boxing's vileness proves a great draw

Lennox Lewis failed to score heavily enough for artistic impression. So Lewis joins the long line of the disappointed divas of sport, with Olga Korbut, Katarina Witt and the rest. But that's the way it is in subjectively judged events and like rhythmic gymnasts and dressage riders. Lewis must live with it.

Lewis was very dever and aviish and performed moves with a very high degree of difficulty. The result - a 0-0 draw. I think it was - was not fair. 2 But anyone who is involved with professional boxing and expects fairness could take lessons in cynicism from Little Red Riding Hood. And that counts octuple when you have anything to do with Don King. Boxing, how do you disgust

me? Let me count the ways. No, let me not: it would take far too long. The interesting thing about the world heavyweight title bout between Holyfield and Lewis on Saturday

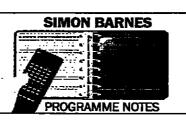
They were great marks was that it gave us an altogeth-for technical merit, but er unexpected and refreshing er unexpected and refreshing reason to be disgusted.

For once, the contestants were men of style and substance. Holyfield walks into the arena singing hymns and climbs into the ring with a beatific smile like a Christian about to meet a long-lost lion, a man who magnificently manages to give the impression he content - eager - to take the adventure God sends him.

Lewis's serenity -- how odd to speak of serenity as the attribute of a great fighter. though not so odd if you have read anything of eastern combat forms - seems almost to have something of death about it. Barry Hearn once said of Steve Davis, the snooker champion, that he always knew Davis was going to win "when

his eyer went like a corpse". The contest was conducted with good manners. There were no mouthing and showboating and posturing characteristics of the lesser British boxing poser. The action,





though constantly ferocious, was not over-troubling to the squeamish, even at the Gestapo hours of the morning.

Then the truly astonishing result, the match scored as a draw. Which reminds us of the fast bowler story, told of just about every rough-diamond fast bowler that every drew breath: the palpable leg-before turned down, the audible snick to the wicketkeeper rejected and, the third ball, all three stumps uprooted. "Bloody close that time,

though, weren't it?" The thing about such a dodgy, home-town, Don Kingfavouring decision is that it is that decision that is not a serious sport, just a spectacle operating for the benefit of King. If this was a sport, we would

all be seriously angry: call in Fifa, call in the IOC, send it all up to the highest court in sport. If sport cannot be fair, then what on earth is the point of it? This gut-feeling of the need for fairness was what prompted Arsenal to offer a replay after they won their FA Cup match against Sheffield United unfairly. It was also why the Football Association

and Fifa accepted the offer. But boxing has no higher court. That is because it is not about sorting out the best from simply part of boxing's stock the rest, it is a showbiz spectain trade. Boxing showed in cle that makes money. In most

sports, a result such as this would have been a day in the death of that sport. But not with boxing. Such decisions are part of the sport's mystique. The attraction of the irredeemably dodgy remains one of boxing's highest draw cards. People are shocked by corruption at the Olympic Games, but they revel in the

corruption of boxing. Boxing without corruption would be like a Bloody Mary without the vodka. Even the fighters agreed that it was all wrong. Amazingly, the MC leapt into the ring

at the conclusion and at once told Holyfield that everybody thought it was a clear win for the other guy. That wouldn't happen in this country. Holyfield managed to be neither defeatist nor defiant. He seemed to accept boxing's

inevitable place in the mud at the bottom of the pond, and that he is a boxer and must

live with it. The exchange was

the most interesting part of a

surreal evening of television.

What was most apparent during the bout were the strength of mind of both characters and Lewis's cleverness. Throughout, Lewis managed to do just enough, always playing the percentages. He drove the half-volleys for four, but was mostly content to milk the bowling and work the singles. He never tried to slog across the line for six.

If he had been a cricketer, it would have been a deserved century. If he had been Steve Davis, he would have won the championship, thanks to superior safety play and smarter shot-selection.

But this is boxing. So they didn't let him win. This is because boxing is not actually a sport at all, just highly remunerative televised combat got up as a sport. Boxing is legal, if expensive, and its vileness is an essential part of its appeal. As Miss Jean Brodie said, for those who like that sort of thing, that is the sort of thing they like. Just don't go around pretending it's sport.

#### **TELEVISION HIGHLIGHTS**

Can the International Olympic Committee be trusted to prevent drug abuse and corruption wrecking the Garnes? Tonight Panorama (BBC 1, 10pm) finds leading athletes and doctors training their fire on the beleaguered Olympic movement, including Donovan Bailey, the 100m champion, and his disgraced predecessor. Ben Johnson. Tomorrow, Alan Hansen kicks off a series on the new player power, Interviewing such commercially attractive like David Beckham, in Football Millionaires (BBC 1, 10.30pm).

#### THIS SPORTING WEEK IN THE TIMES

TOMORROW: The Cheltenham Festival is the highlight of the National Hunt racing season. Alan Lee, racing correspondent, looks forward to three days of top-flight action at Prestbury Park and there is a colours guide to the the feature race of the day.

WEDNESDAY: Corruption and scandal has put the future of the Olympic Games in jeopardy. John Goodbody and Rob Hughes report from Lausanne on a meeting of the International Olympic Committee on which hangs the presidency of Juan Antonio Samaranch.

THURSDAY: Are Manchester United still on course to claim the European Cup after the second leg against Internazionale in Milan?

FRIDAY: Will there be English interest in the semi-final draws for the two European club foot-

ball competitions?

SATURDAY: Tottenham Hotspur and Leicester City prepare to decide the WorthIngton Cup - the first domestic trophy of the season — at Wembley while England continue their quest for the rugby five nations grand slam against France.

## **Brotherly** love not offered to Wolves

Warrington Wolves.....16

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

NEVER mind that this cup-tie was over after a few minutes. Bradford Bulls turned on a rare performance of panache and striking power that blew away a not-inconsiderable Warrington Wolves side to book their fifth Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final place in

eight years.
Bradford now meet Leeds Rhinos at Huddersfield in the second semi-final on Sunday eek — the day after Castleford Tigers encounter London Broncos at Headingley — with history beckoning them on. They defeated the Rhinos en route to the 1996 and 1997

SEMI-FINALS

Castleford v London (at Headingley, March 27). (at McAlpine Stadium, March 28)

finals, when they were beaten both times at Wembley by St Helens. This year, for the first time since 1983, there are no Lancashire representatives in the last four. London could argue a case, as they were entered in the old Lancashire Cup at one time, but the extent of Yorkshire's domination was reflected by the manner of Bradford's demolition of a stunned Warrington. Henry and Robbie Paul led the Wolves a merry dance. One or both of the New Zealand brothers had a hand in seven of the ten tries, including a superlative effort by Robbie. Four were scored by Tevita

Vaikona, the Tonga wing, as Warrington's defence crum-bled. The man-of-the-match award went to Henry over Robbie by five votes. In all honesty, it could have gone to anyone in the Bulls' side. Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, praised teamwork as the key element. "Warrington are not as bad as they might good today," he said. Worse followed for War-

rington, with an allegation of gouging against Lee Briers, their young scrum half, which will be reviewed on video today by the Rugby Football League executive, as well as a further incident involving Danny Farrar, the captain. who was placed on report by

John Connolly, the referee. In contrast, an admirably disciplined Bradford were 28-0 ahead before they were penalised for the first time after 33 down, gave away a succession of early penalties and were swamped. A fourth-minute penalty goal by Henry Paul merely hinted at the dangers. which were unleashed as Boyle scooted in from dummy half for the first of four tries in

When Mike Forshaw was not burrowing away at loose forward and putting col-leagues into space, he was popping up in the centres, which he did for the next try. James Lowes, the hooker, laid on Vaikona's fourth score. while Danny Peacock, in the centre, and Paul Anderson. the heavyweight prop. who both missed last season through injury, announced their return with a vengeance. Darryl Van de Velde, the Warrington coach, described it as an "old-fashioned hiding."

The scant comfort to be drawn was that Bradford, in this mood, would probably have beaten anyone. While the rest of their colleagues had their hands on their knees, Toa Kohe-Love and Mark Forster scored at the end, but Vaikona's fourth try had already notched the Bulls'

After the case of Boyle's opening try. Henry Paul brought Vaikona on to the ball at pace and he brushed aside Hunte and released Forshaw to score under the posts. The third was very much a Paul production — the brothers enjoy an almost telepathic understanding — and Naylor ignored colleagues either side of him to cross. The siblings again combined for Vaikona's first try as half-time was greetwith a standing ovation. and the same trio delivered in. identical style on resumption.

Robbie Paul set up number seven as he careered forward from defence, Peacock took up the running and Withers applied another electrifying finish. Scott Wilson got Warrington off the mark to sympathetic applause after 52 minutes, but the concession of the try merely triggered another procession. Stuart Spruce poached a try from short run set up Vaikona's third.

The Pauls have made a cover version of Ain't No Stopping Us Now. That awesome task now awaits Leeds.

TASK NOW AWAITS Leeds.

SCOREPS: Bradford Bulls: Tries: Valkonar 4, Boyle, Forshaw, Neylor, R. Paul, Withers, Spruce. Geals: H Paul 6 Warrington Wolves: Tries: Wison, Kohe-Love, Forsler Goals: Brers 2.

BRADFORD BULLS: S Spruce, T Valcona. S Naylor, D Peacock, M Withers, H Paul, R Paul; B McDermott, J Lowes, S Fielden, B Dwyer, D Boyle, M Forshaw Substitutes: J Donougher, N Zist, P Anderson, N McAvoy WARRINGTON WOLVES: L Penny, J Roach, T Kohe-Love, A Hunte, M Forster, S Wison, L Brers, M Haon, D Farrar, D Nutley, S Gilles, S McCurra, J Roper Substituties: D Hanger, G Chambers, D Busby, I Knott



Whitehaven Warriors..

By David Lawrenson

MARTIN OFFIAH, who just a week ago became the leading English try-scorer in the game's history, added another five touchdowns yesterday as he Broncos reached the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-finals for the second successive year. Offiah, who missed most of last season with an ankle injury, is still not back to his best, according to the London coach, Dan Stains, but he was too hot for Whitehaven.

Remarkably, the Cumbrians actually took the lead two minutes into the game when David Fatialofa, the prop forward, exploited some weak defence to give Craig Chambers an unopposed run to the line. After being punished for a

## Offiah piles on the agony for Whitehaven

ally got into gear and John Timu got the better of his opposite number. Matt Lynch, to score under the posts. In the second quarter, the Broncos began to make their superior power and pace tell with three tries. Greg Fleming got the first when he leapt high to col-lect a kick from Karl Hammond while Offiah chipped in with two, the second of which came after good handling from Grant Young. Steele Retchless and Dominic Peters.

task with their half backs. Wayne Kitchin and Leroy Joe, working hard to try and get with the London dub 24-6 ahead at the interval the writing was on the wall.
Final proof that it was not

going to be Whitehaven's day came six minutes after the interval when their loose forward, Gary Charlton, tried to chip over Robbie Simpson. The London second-row forand, when eventually over-hauled, passed to Timu who put Robbie Beazley over for the try. It then became one-way traffic with Offiah running in a further three tries and Young and Shaun Edwards claiming one apiece. Stains admitted afterwards that his side still are not playing to their full potential but the semi-final draw against Castleford gives him a very

Castleford gives him a very real chance of taking them to

## Leeds grateful for Sinfield's tries

Widnes Vikings By MARTIN RICHARDS

is the most accomplished young player in the British game by dragging Leeds Rhinos clear of potential danger at Widnes yesterday and through to a titanic Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final meet-ing with the Bradford Bulls.

a 51st-minute replacement for Marc Glanville after the Vikings had drawn level at 10-10 with a try from their winger, Damian Monro.

With the Widnes fans sensing an upset in a passionately-fought quarter-final, Sinfield proceeded to deflate their spirits with two tries in five minutes. George Mann, the former Leeds prop, had the Martin Masella and Sinfield brushed past three defenders to touch down. His quick thinking brought a second try when he regathered his own kick to score under

first hat-trick of tries as a professional and further touchdowns for Barrie McDer-Graham Murray, the Leeds coach, has

predicted a golden future for Sinfield, who is a Great Britain Academy international, and shows composure beyond his years. Murray was certainly grateful for Sinfield's intervention yesterday.

The last time the sides met in the Challenge Cup was in the semi-final six years ago when a Jonathan Davies-inspired Widnes overwhelmed Leeds 39-4. Widnes are now rebuilding their fortunes in the Northern Ford Premiership but they disguised the gulf in class with a totally

Mark Hewitt gave them the lead with a penalty after 13 minutes but Hay, one of the most improved players in the Rhinos line-up this season, scored from a pass by lestyn Harris and had a key role in the second try when his barnstorming run

Another Hubert penalty brought Widnes closer and when Munro spun out of a tackle to score four minutes into the second half, the Widnes faithful were dreaming of a giantkilling. Sinfield, and the superior pace of the Leeds wingers, soon restored normality.

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Sinfield, still only 18, entered the fray as

ball shaken from his grasp in a tackle by

the posts and Leeds were safe. They proceeded to cut loose in the final

mott, Marvin Golden and Leroy Rivett.

but Brad Godden was on hand to score.

## Rogers makes Salford pay for indiscipline

Salford Reds......10

BY CHRISTOPHER JRVINE

BEING dispatched to the sinbin once is careless, twice in one match is unforgiveable. Andy Gregory, the beaten Salford Reds coach, was in no mood for apologies from David Hulme, his errant captain, or anyone else. "I've told them not to come up and say sorry," an incandescent Gregory said.

On both occasions, Hulme was dismissed temporarily for interference at the play-the-ball, an area which Greg McCallum, the referees' director, spoke about in a meeting last week with the JJB Super League coaches. Although not

present, Gregory was aware of the crackdown and found no fault with either decision. Castleford Tigers, who are in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup

semi-finals for the first time since 1994, amassed 18 of their first 20 points during the two ten-minute spells in which Hulme was removed from the action at Wheldon Road on Saturday, including a superb individual try by Maloney that put paid to the Salford challenge on the hour mark. That they were in the tie for so long amazed Gregory.

"I don't know how we were in the game at only 8-4 at halftime. I told them that they couldn't play as badly and that they couldn't get any worse, but we did," he said. Gregory offered no excuses, because



Orr, the Castleford half back, holds off a Salford challenge

Castleford. well-organised, were clearly the superior team, once the gremlins were removed in the opening period. Davis and Orr, the livewire half backs, the latter

collecting his third man-of-thematch prize in three rounds. pulled Salford so badly out of shape that it was embarrassing. Davis created the opening try for Darren Rogers and

his second. They were the best answers to those visiting supporters who barracked the former Salford wing throughout. "I knew they were going to have a go at me. but I didn't think it was going to be that bad," Rogers admitted. Until Broadbent grabbed a

Orr's clever hands supplied

consolation score ten minutes from the end. Salford had never looked remotely like crossing the Castleford line. Crompton and Blakeley, the Salford half backs, were at sixes-and-sevens throughout and only Faimalo showed the necessary penetration among the forwards as Castleford gradually fed off their errors. When Fritz and Harland began to slow up in the second half. Tonks and Tallec provid-

ed the necessary impetus in

the second row. The pair combined for the final try scored by Davis, which was preceded by another mazy run by Orr to put Aaron Raper beneath the posts.

Raper's brother, Stuart, the Castleford coach, caught the Wembley bug on the way to the last eight last year and "it turned into a disease," he said. The semi-final, in which they meet London Broncos, will test Tigers' immunity system.

Tigers' Immunity system.

SCORERS: Caeterort Tigers: Tries: Rogers (2), Majorey, Raper, Davis Goels: Orr (5). Selford Reds: Try: Broadbard. Goels: Balled Reds: Try: Broadbard. Goels: Balled Reds: Try: Broadbard. Goels: Balled Reds: J. Flowers, R. Gaz. M. Eager, F. Majorey, D. Rogers, D. Orr, B. Doves D. Sampson, A. Raper, N. Sylves, D. Filz: 1, Harland: A. Wordes Subattlates: J. Pickerro; I. Torric, G. Talled, J. Vielle, SALFORD REDS: G. Broadbard, J. Hayes, S. R. Hommson, S. Master, P. Carge, S. Blake, ley, M. Crompton, N. Barturs, M. Alier, P. Soudhen, H. Smeh, D. Huitre, G. Cassey Subattlaties: J. Farmalo, S. Skabo, P. High-on, C. Boggs.

**RUGBY UNION** 

#### Sale claim Kingston incentive rules out from Wray Richmond comments exodus

By A CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS tempting fate and per-

haps gave Sale just the incentive they needed. In openly

side's legitimacy as a Premiership club, Nigel Wray, the millionaire owner of Sara-

cens, may well have pulled the

rug from under his club's title

hopes.
"It was a very disappointing result for us," Mark Evans, their coach, said. "We

had felt we were still in with a

chance if we could put a run of victories together but

should Leicester win, then

that's it." Forty minutes later

the Tigers' victory at Fran-

klins Gardens was confirmed.

cient chances to have taken both points was not even ques-tioned by John Mitchell, the

Sale coach. "But we won be-

cause we played the full 80 minutes with a lot of passion,

And they had used the Wray

Where Sale won the contest,

and fully deserved to, was in the midfield region — where

Jos Baxendell and Chris Yates

tore the Sazacens defence

apart - and around the set-

piece fringes, where the Sand-

erson brothers were relentless

Sale have not enjoyed much luck this season but their strike rate, 61 tries in 21 league

games, says much for their positive attitude. On Saturday

their attacking enterprise was

matched for once by a solid

For the first 20 minutes

Sale barely left their own half.

opponents to 13-3, but a blister-

ing 60-metre break by Baxen-

dell earned the centre a try

and a standing ovation and settled his colleagues so well that by half-time they led

Sale's second try, started and finished by Yates from a

counter-attack near his own

22, summed Saracens and led

to a string of penalties from which Shane Howarth, who eventually kicked six goals and hit the posts with three other efforts, punished them

At half-time Saracens were

forced to reflect on their own

missed opportunities, largely

through over-elaboration, but

the truth was that they never came to terms with the extrav

agant miss-moves that Baxen-

deil and Howarth used to cre-

ate massive holes in midfield.

Adopting a tighter and more forceful frontal assault

in the second period. Sara-

cens had the better of things

but could manage only one

more try when the elusive Alain Penaud caught Sale

asleep with a quickly-taken

each added two more penal-

ties and, at 27-24, Sale were

hanging on by their fingertips

as both Brendon Daniel and

Ryan Constable were denied

within reaching distance of

Yet a sudden breakout by

Sale's No 8, Dion O'Cuinnea

gain, in injury time, when Sa-racens lost control of a line-

out, saw Yates hatter his way

out of four tackles before

Howarth's pass put Simon

Raiwalui in at the corner. It

was Sale's first league win at

home since December 12 and,

should the drier weather con-

ditions continue, Mitchell pre-

Howarth and Rob Thirlby

still further.

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the try-line.

and watchful defence.

in their tackling.

That Saracens created suffi-

BY MARK SOUSTER

AT THE end of the most traunatic week in Richmond's life, Ashley Levett turned up at the Madejski Stadium for the first time since dropping his finan-cial bombshell. Wisely he did not try to see the players, from whom he might not have received the warmest of recep-tions, and found himself displaced from his normal scat in the director's box. That was taken by Heath Sinclair, the New Zealand-born administrator charged with sorting out the mess created by Levett's

sudden exit. Sinclair would have been delighted with a record crowd of 10,096, providing receipts of more than £120,000, and the pervading sense of goodwill towards the club. All in all not a bad start, although a victory would have been nice

In the circumstances, that was probably asking too much Sinclair has had to be ruthless in cutting jobs across the board but John Kingston, the director of rugby, is adamant that further savings will not come from a sale of the prime assets, his players. And he believes he has the necessary assurances that this will not happen. "If they start selling players, I go," King-ston said.

"There would be no point carrying on," Kingston contin-ued. "We will not sell players against their wishes if I am here. I am a stubborn git and also a man of my word. If somebody turned round and sold Craig Quinnell, how can you look Barry Williams in the eye and say there is something to stay here for?

The same goes for Ben Clarke, Allan Bateman, all of them. We will stick together. You don't win anything by sellng your best players." Having halved weekly run-

ning costs, the serious business of finding new investors begins in earnest. Mention has been made of approaches to John Madejski, the owner of Reading, but a trawl through Richmond's many affluent members would surely un-earth individuals willing and able to offer a lifeline by taking a stake in Richmond Vikings Ltd. the new investment company formed by the club. If Newcastle can find a sav-

iour with gates of barely 3,500, then Richmond, who can look crowds over the next few weeks, should be able to. Sinclair has budgeted for an average attendance of 7,000 for the remaining home matches, which include a cup semi-final and high-profile fixtures against Wasps, Harlequins and Northampton.

The off-field problems aside. Richmond's cause was not helped by the withdrawal on Saturday morning of Quinnell and Bateman. Kingston decided that Quinnell should serve his one-match ban for collecting three white cards sooner rather than later, while Bate-man has a calf injury. Although they matched Bath with two tries apiece, Richmond lost because they conceded too many penalties and failed to contest the restarts, where the athleticism of Borthwick and Lyle stood out.

Mike Catt converted six penalties in front of Clive Woodward, the England coach, and his overall control surely means he will replace the injured Paul Grayson in the England team to face France.

England team to face France.

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Tries: Adebayo (14). Peny (16). Convension: Cat. Pensity goals: Cat! 6 (40, 43, 49 (9, 69, 7).

SCORING SECUENCE: (Richmond first)
3-0, 3-5, 3-12, 13-12, 13-15, (half-time),
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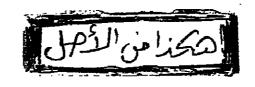
This is the circumference of an international rugby ball.

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This is the circumference of an international rugby hooker's neck.

Keith Wood is the Harlequins, Ireland and British Lions hooker. He can run the 100 metres in 12 seconds. His neck can support the weight of eight men. Which explains why it needs to be 2! inches in circumference.

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## Allied Dunbar Premiership: Another visit to sin-bin a mere hiccup for England lock

## Majestic Johnson gives Leicester edge in title drive

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

YOU cannot keep Martin Johnson out of the news these days. Nor can you lose sight of the referees, whose decisions can make or break not only matches but title hopes. Indeed Johnson, whose 29th birthday was last Tuesday, has been receiving cards from match officials for a month now, only there has been a singular ab-

sence of greetings in them. The England lock was, vet again, simply outstanding at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday. The Allied Dunbar Premiership is now within Leicester's grasp after they opened up an eight-point lead on their nearest challengers, Northampton, and Johnson's implacable attitude, his utter refusal to compromise any aspect of his game, will ensure they do not stumble during the sixmatch run-in to the title.

"He is probably the best forward England have got, if not the best in Europe," Dean Richards, the Leicester team manager, said. That is typical understatement: Johnson is up there with John Eales, of Australia, as one of the world's best tight forwards, a profile so high that inevitably he has further to fall than most.

He plays, as so many of the great forwards have always done, on the edge of the law and referees are acutely aware of it. Thus they have handed Johnson two yellow cards in internationals and two white cards in club matches over the last four Saturdays. One was subsequently quashed, anothand here, a foot placed on a surgery on his damaged knee

Northampton forward lying offside was enough to earn Johnson another ten minutes

It was the second of three white cards dispensed by David McHugh, the international referee, but it was his decision to award one penalty try and not to award another which swung the match Leicester's that and their refusal to concede an inch when their own indiscipline had reduced them to 13 men.

They are too good a team to need the sly nudges and checks that infuriate oppo-nents and officials, yet they play with such heart, pride and passion that the second of their three tries - against Northampton's five penalty goals - came during the four minutes when they were short of Johnson and Pat Howard,

Results and tables

dispatched for killing the ball after a storming breakout by Ben Cohen.

When, rather than if, Leicester lift the Premiership they deserve to have the plaudits for what they have done as a team rather than condemnation for a few overt trespasses and players who wear their hearts on their sleeves.

Richards refuses to look further ahead than the next game, against Wasps. Yet the reaction of their players at the final whistle showed they feel a massive hurdle has been cleared.

They have played nearly all this season without two international centres, Will Greenwood and Stuart Potter, and for half the season will have been without two international half backs, Austin Healey and Joel Stransky, who has

## Grayson injury gives "Woodward problem

surely have announced tomor- he pulled up and "couldn't get row an unchanged team to out of second gear". He has an Nations Championship at Twickenham on Saturday but for a groin injury to Paul Grayson (David Hands writes). That injury will oblige him to make a difficult decision at fly half: whether to restore Mike Catt or move Jonathan Wilkinson from centre to what will surely prove his long-term international position.

Gravson, the Northampton fly half, damaged his groin against Ireland on March 6 but had recovered well enough to be considered for his club's game with Leicester last Saturday. However on a training

CLIVE WOODWARD would run 24 hours before the game inflammation of the pubic bone and has been told to rest completely for a formight to aid recovery.

He may not play again for six weeks which would mean missing the Wales game, also on April 11. "At least I've had the chance to get back in and put down a marker lagainst Ireland]" Grayson said. "but I just keep on getting injured." Given the confident manner in which Wilkinson has settled

into his role at centre and the fact that he is not playing fly half for Newcastle. Woodward seems more likely to opt for Catt at No 10.

a further six weeks. No surprise, therefore, that on the soft surfaces of an English winter they should take route one to victory, through their hard-driving forwards of whom the controlled Martin Corry provides the perfect antidote to the fiersome edge of Johnson and the caperings of Richard Cockerill

Yet what if McHugh had chosen to award Northamp ton a penalty try midway through the second half, when Cohen's sinuous run found Budge Pountney in support before Jamie Hamilton pulled him down five metres short of the line? Howard unquestionably prevented quick release and when Matt Dawson gave him a poke for his pains, Johnson and Cockerill descended upon the Northampton scrum half like avenging furies. That would have been 16-8

to Northampton, even though their set-pieces were slowly dismantled, notably the lineout where Fritz van Heerden gave Tim Rodber a miserable afternoon. Instead they had to be content with a penalty and within seven minutes, fell to a sucker punch.

Howard had created the moment of the first half with a sumptuous pass which cut out three players and gave Leon Lloyd space on the right. Craig Joiner looped outside him and scudded out of Andy Northey's tackle to make the line. Corry's try was altogether more prosaic, a low, stabbed throw by Cockerill to the front of a lineout and a barrelling ten-metre charge through Dawson to

McHugh reserved his ire for the final five minutes. Matt Stewart threw a punch and left for the sin-bin, the Northampton pack weakened beyond repair. Forced into the corner, they were twice penalised on their own line and Leicester's scrum squeezed out the almost-inevitable penalty try that earned them victory. Ian McGeechan, the North-

ampton director of rugby, said: "Leicester showed why they lead the division and we are second - they don't make mistakes, they don't give

POINTS away."

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☐ Leicester's run- In: March 27 v Wasps (h) April 3 v Bath (a), 17 v Saracens (h), 24 v Sale (a) May 2 v Newcastle (a), 15 v West Hartleool (h)



O'Shea, of London Irish, finds his path blocked during his side's defeat at the hands of Wasps at Loftus Road yesterday

## Wasps maintain momentum

London Irish...

By DAVID HANDS

TWENTY-FOUR hours earlier Dean Richards, the Leicester coach, had given warning that the strongest challenge facing his team in pursuit of the Allied Dunbar Premiership could come from Wasps. At a sunlit Loftus Road yesterday the North London club promptly bore him out, taking the whip hand over London Irish in the first half and then constructing a brick wall in defence that the Irish could only breach as the clock ran down. Success moved Wasps into

fifth place in the first-division table, and though their revival is too late to rattle the leaders, they should consolidate a qualifying place for Europe if English clubs return to that competition next season. Nigel Melville, the Wasps director of rugby, said: "If we are going to get into Europe, it used to be a top-four reward and we base our efforts on that."

Whereas Wasps have run into a rich vein of form on the back of their progress to the semi-finals of the Tetley's Bitter Cup, the Irish balloon has deflated alarmingly. First they fell foul of the Leicester steamroller, then they were removed from the cup by Wasps and, in addition, they picked up another long-term injury yesterday in Niall Woods, their leading points scorer, who tore a hamstring and could well miss Ireland's summer tour to

strongly as they did was immensely to their credit, but for 24 frustrating minutes they hammered away at the Wasps line and earned nothing. Perhaps they depended too much on Brendan Venter to organise a path to the line but the South African centre found, in Mark Denney, a worthy opponent whose tackling seldom fal-tered. It gave Wasps a sound

base and, within six minutes they had scored two tries. Peter Scrivener rolled over for the first of his two tries (he repeated the feat at the start of the second half) from a closerange lineout before precise work gave Paul Sampson a try the opposite corner. Lawrence Dallaglio set up the position with a storming run into midfield, leaving Alex King and Denney to complete preliminaries Clive Woodward, the Eng-

land coach, would have been heartened to see such consistency from young, Englandqualified players, though he could take pleasure, too. from the Irish response. Colin Hawke, the referee, awarded a free kick against Martyn Wood for a dummy behind a scrum: Woods and Conor O'Shea unpicked the retreating defence and made 80

#### metres before Nick Burrows completed the move. Tuigamala turns on style to lift Newcastle

polished performance to beat Swansea 43-25, with Jim Navior and Vataiga Tuigama la each running in two tries. It was 21-6 at half-time and only when Newcastle took their feet off the pedals in the closing stages did the visitors

secure a few points. Making their first visit to Kingston Park, Swansea opened the scoring with a Lee Davies penalty, but were soon behind when a reverse pass from Tuigamala sent in

Jimmy Cartmell, the England Under-21 flanker, was driven over from a lineout and then Naylor shot through for his second try, before

NEWCASTLE produced a Davies struck another penalty before the interval, in the second half, a disastrous pass from Rhodri Jones, the scrum half, was dropped over his own line by Alex Lawson, the full back, and Tony Under-

wood snapped up the gift. Tuigamala toyed with the opposition for his two efforts, and also sent in Stuart Legg with some slight of hand. The Newcastle full-back rounded off his excellent performance with four conversions. ☐ Manchester and Henley are assured of promotion to the second division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership

after victories on Saturday at

Camberley and against

Wharfedale respectively.

Yet the Irish, on as good a day for running rugby as has been seen this year, could not hold on to their passes. "You put yourself under pressure when you make mistakes and we made plenty," Dick Best, their director of rugby, said.

The home side stretched their lead through Mark Weedon, their captain, from another close-range lineout and the goalkicking of Kenny Logan. He ended with 18 points, taking him past 250 in his club season and making sure that Wasps could keep the Irish at arm's length.

Wasos' commitment in de-

fence was underscored when, having weathered the storm in the second half, they went back downfield and Logan kicked his third penalty. Ten minutes remained when Venter found space on the shortside of a scrum and took the return pass from Woods as the wing pulled up limping. Venter and Jarrod Cunningham. the replacement for Woods, also paved the way for a longrange try by Justin Bishop, but it was too little too late.

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Jobs threat brews up fightback from West

West Hartlepool ..... Gloucester... .....

By ALASDAIR REID

NOT a thing of beauty, but an afternoon of vibrant entertainment all the same. The West Hartlepool players had redundancy threats from Mike Brewer, their coach, ringing in their ears and played with raw tenacity as they fought to ensure their first division survival They still have a mountain to climb, but on this showing, it could yet be

achieved. Steve Vile, the West fly half. kicked seven goals from eight attempts, mocking Glouces ter's 5-2 advantage on tries. Those statistics might suggest Gloucester were unlucky, but nothing should diminish praise for West Hartlepool's vigorous defiance.

Changing ends 18-22 down. West thundered into the Gloucester defence with some forceful running by their pack and edged ahead on the scoreboard with a couple of penalties and a dropped goal by Vile. Gloucester then seemed to have snatched the win when Ojomoh and Mapletoft scored tries shortly after the hour mark, but two more penalties by Vile saw West home in the closing minutes.

The home side matched Gloucester score-for-score for most of the first period, although woeful errors by their opponents allowed them to do so. Only their self-belief sug-

gested they could triumph.

Their first try stemmed from a five-metre scrum. It was a beautifully executed score by Vile, who sped on to his scrum-halfs pass and danced through three attempted tackles.

A powerful score by Carter. the Gloucester flanker, restored parity, but another dreadful mistake allowed West to cross their line. Fanolua sliced a clearance kick towards Brewer, who slipped the scoring pass to Duane Monkley. After a penalty by Mapletoft, a superb 50-yard try by Beim, the left wing, put Gloucester 15-12 ahead.

A Gloucester penalty try just before the interval suggested their superior forward strength would be brought to bear after the turn. Instead. the crowd saw a side fighting like dogs. The West players' livelihoods were on the line SCORERS: West Hartispool: Tries: Vie (10), Moniday (18) Comversion: Vie Penalty goals: Vie (58), Gloucester: Tries: Caris: (12), Belm (25), penalty in (40), Opmon (61), Mapletoli (65) Conversion: Mapletoli Penalty goal: Mapletoli (71)

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## Neath too late to punish changes

By GERALD DAVIES

TWO points arose in this match which turned a fast but largely uninspiring game into an interesting one. The days when a team reduced to 14 men can still give a good account of themselves and offer a surprise or two have not gone, despite the law changes which nowadays weigh so much in favour of the dominant team. Mike Turner, Neath's lock, was sent off after 17 minutes for allegedly stamping on an opponent.

Secondly, the practice of making a plethora of substilointes towards the end of the match, which most teams get up to nowadays, was highlighted to be both silly and incomprehensible. Ebbw Vale changed half of their pack for the final quarter during which they had gone from holding a 25-3 lead to finish hanging on by their fingernails.

The home team have quietly climbed to second position behind Llanelli at the top of the Welsh premier division. Pontypridd lie third, with a game in hand on the leaders.

Ebbw Vale might have been in a better position had they acquired the extra bonus point which was theirs by virtue of their lead 18 minutes from time. Instead, the visitors turned the tables and, in the final six minutes, scored three tries, all converted by Pearce, eli take the bonus point for inemselves. As the defeated

team, they earned it by scoring three tries and staying within ten points of the leaders. Even with the departure of

held on at crucial moments.

verted by Strange soon after the interval, it seemed Neath's resistance was about to crack. This was confirmed by the pen-

scored the other try.

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Banks, 63), K Fatetau G Green, R Collins, N
Budgett (rep M Spiller 74)
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James, 68) D Tucki, T Davies, S Williams M
Poacce, P Horigan (rep R Johnson, 52), L
Gerad, M Davies D Perisan (rep, M Thomas, 78) M Turner, A Jackson, S Marten, D
Jones B Serbinson (rep G Newman, 70)
Referees D Davies (Liambrodout)

Turner, the visitors managed. territorially, to get the better of the home side. By the interval. the teams were level with a penalty each from Strange and Pearce. Both teams nearly scored tries but their defences But with Hawker's try con-

alty and the couple of tries that followed. Ebbw Valc felt comfortable, too comfortable. They made their irresponsible changes and everything fell apart. Their solidity in the scrum disappeared. Neath began winning the ball and spread the home team's defence. They were duly rewarded when Shane Williams, the scrum half, scored two tries. He had moved positions when Horgan departed the field with an injury. Johnson, who was Horgan's replacement.

SCORERS: Ebbw Valet Tries: Hawker 145mm), Liewellyn (66). Budgett (72). Conversions: Strange 2. Pewalty goals: Strange 2.12. 57). Needlit Tries: Walarto 2. (75, 79). Johnson (60). Conversions: Pearce 3. Penalty goal: Pearce (20). SCORING SEQUENCE: 3-0, 3-3 hall-line), 10-3, 13-3, 18-2, 25-3, 25-10, 25-17, 25-34.

## Scottish pay the penalty

That the Irish finished as

London Scottish .... Bedford.....

By ALAN PEAREY

HAS the worm finally turned for Bedford? The spectators who danced in the Stoop Memorial Ground aisles after victory on Saturday seemed to think so. Rudi Straeuli's beleaguered side, who last month relied on a missed penalty to beat Wasps, were trailing London Scottish with two minutes to go and seemingly set for their seventeeth defeat of the season.

Then came an unexpected turnaround in Bedford's fortunes. Jannie de Beer, the Lon-don Scottish fly half, kicked out on the full; the Bedford throw-in at the lineout was crooked but the Scottish pack lost the scrum against the head. Dan Harris broke

through in the midfield and, with Tony Yapp preparing for the dropped-goal attempt, Scottish went over the top at the maul. Penalty to Bedford.

Up stepped Yapp, the Bedford fly half, to kick the penalty from in front of the posts. "It was the most important kick of my life," he said. "There was a bit of banter from the Scottish players but I put it from my mind." Rory Underwood, on as a replacement, finished the Exiles off with an interception try. We're still in the danger

zone but everyone's smiling at the moment," Straeuli, the Bedford coach, said. 'The chances are we won't be out of the bottom two by the end of the season, but we haven't given up. Despite squandering a suc-

just past the hour. But Bedford hit back with a Yapp penalty and took full advantage of the luck that came their way. John Steele, Scottish's director of rugby, was disappointed to see his team lose to Bedford for the second time this sea-

son. "We were poor. We didn't do the basics well and Bedford just waited for our mistakes." just Walted for our mistakes."
SCORERS: London Scotlish: Tries: Bonnay (15mm), Watson (63) Conversion: De
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Sharman, J de Beer, G Easterby (rep. S
Cool, 77). P Johnstone, D Rucham (rep: D
Cummiss. 67). P Burnel, E Jones, M
Watson, S Fern, S Holmes, R Hunter (rep: T
Davies, 63-84).
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Cools, 77). R Understone, C P. D. D.

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## Jackson inspires Aldwinians

Michael Jackson, the former

Wakefield playmaker, peg-

ging Ilkeston back whenever

tactical kicking that Ilkeston

cession of chances, Scottish

looked to have done enough

when Mick Watson scored

Aldwinians ......

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

place in the NPI Cup Final with as resolute a piece of defending as you are likely to find in the junior-club game at Audenshaw Park, near Manchester, on Saturday.

Maidstone 42-0 in the quar-

ter-finals, word was that the

players from Kent had never

suffered such fierce tackling

es were few and far between. ALDWINIANS secured a Having won their own quarter-final 42-15, with a marvellous display of 15-man handling, likeston were justifiably confident, but Jackson nipped back round the narrow side to open the scoring after a fiery start, and When Aldwinians beat thereafter put together a mixture of ball release and

endless supply of lineout possession from John Taylor. as they did that day, and with Aldwinians' opponents at Twickenham on April 17 will Dudley-Kingswinford, who beat Barnstaple 10-6 on Saturday, and will start as fa-

he had the opportunity, chancvourites purely because of a league status two levels higher, but if Jackson is on top of his form there will be no surprise if yet another trophy finds it way to Manchester.

SCORERS: Aldwinlans: Tries: M Jackson (3mm), R Stelle (44) Penalty goal Jackson (35) Riceston: Try: K Dove (61) Penalty goal: W Bell (14) SCORING SEQUENCE (Aldwinians first): 5-0, 5-3, 6-3, (half-time) 13-3, 13-8 could not counter, despite an

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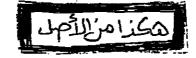
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# Hourigan issues timely reminder

There are those in racing who lean heavily upon privilege, breeding and financial comfort. And then there are those such as Michael Hourigan. If Dorans Pride wins the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup on Thursday, the triumph will be one of poignancy and perseverance but, most of all, it will be that of a man who created his dream from the backyard of a pub. In more than one sense, it is a long way to the winner's enclosure at Cheltenham from the modest village inn south of Limerick where Hourigan started — and very nearly stopped training. But he has made the journey once and he is irrepressibly convinced that Dorans Pride can take him there again. This is the fifth successive Festival for Dorans Pride. So far, the tally reads one

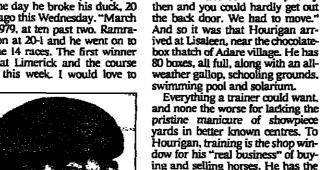
win, two thirds and a fall. The difference, this time, is that he has been usurped as the pride of Ireland. Florida Pearl carries the bulk of the punts and passion for the Gold Cup and Dorans Pride has been relatively overlooked. Which suits his trainer just fine.

"it's meant I haven't had fellows like you annoying me," he said as we settled in his kitchen. The rebuke, though, was offered with the twinkle of mischief that seldom leaves Hourigan's round and distinctly Irish face. Incorrigible humour has been a valued companion since he went through his first six years as a trainer

without a single winner. "My parents ran a pub in Rathkeale and we had two stables out the back when I started in 1973. I used to have to duck in and out of the local fields with the horses because my father's land wasn't big enough to train on. I guess that's Alan Lee finds the trainer of forgotten horse Dorans Pride in bullish mood



going." He recalls with proud precision the day he broke his duck, 20 years ago this Wednesday. "March 17th, 1979, at ten past two. Ramrajya won at 20-1 and he went on to win me 14 races. The first winner came at Limerick and the course closes this week. I would love to



yards in better known centres. To Hourigan, training is the shop win-dow for his "real business" of buying and selling horses. He has the salesman's gift, too. "We had a television crew here the other day. By the time they'd gone, I'd sold the presenter a horse." He envisages no downturn in business through the current vogue for French-bred horses, "It's short-termism. A trainer can buy a winner off the Flat in France but he can't buy a horse to last. They'll come back here and why it took me so long to get Hourigan: growing in confidence appreciate us all the more."

have a winner at their final meet-

ing." The anniversary is a remind-

er of Hourigan's breadline days. "It

"There were no privileges and I was trying to break into a game

that none of my family were in-

volved in. My parents had left me

the pub in 1976 but things were

tough and I was on the point of giving up the training when the

first winner came along." It would

be wrong to say Hourigan never

looked back, for he has the humility of one constantly aware of

But by the mid-1980s he knew he

was making a go of horses. "We had 22 stables behind the pub by

the battle life has been.

didn't come easy.

Dorans Pride, nearside, will attempt to improve on two successive third places in the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup on Thursday

Hourigan used to bet but claims he gave it up after laying out a horse for a gamble last year. "I was going to have two grand on him but went cold on it and had £200 instead. He got beat that day, then won his next four. It was a lesson. I don't even play cards now, since losing £3,500 in a night playing poker on this table," he added, slapping the offending surface resentfully.

He does admit to taking a drink, though, and will not be shy of a drop if Dorans Pride manages to

improve on his two successive Gold Cup thirds. Try as he might to play down the prospect, Hourigan's confidence rises with each sentence. "His preparation has been a little different this year. We haven't run him so often and he's been fresh since Christmas. He's never had a hiccup and he's only been forgotten because there is

always a younger kid on the block. "People like to pick flaws in him and he was written off by many before he won the Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown in December. Luckily, a lot of my friends still believed and have backed him at 50-1 to win that race and the Gold Cup. I tell you, there are no holes in Dorans

Pride. None at all." One sadness intrudes upon Hourigan's enthusiasm. Dorans Pride would have been ridden on Thursday by Shane Broderick, who won the Stayers' Hurdle on him three years ago and was third in the 1997 Gold Cup. But Broderick is partially paralysed since a fall at Fairyhouse two years ago, one of those incidents that unite the National

Hunt world in grief and dread.
Paul Carberry will be aboard this week and Hourigan is gathering his clan around him. "If it is to happen, I'd like my family around me," he said. Of his five children. three already work in the yard and one senses that the youngest. Mark, will be pressed into useful duty any day now. He will, after all, be five on Gold Cup day, the perfect cue for a double celebration.

3.30 UCKFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,215, 2m 1f) (7)

5-2 Ruminate, 3-1 Tessue Of Lies, 4-1 Suranore, Doctor Bravious, 8-1 others

4.00 BOLNEY HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,754; 2m 50 (5)

6-4 Regal Aura, 7-4 Scaro, 5-1 Full Of Bounce. No Matter, 16-1 Scoble Girl

**4.30** clapper hunters chase (£1,138; 3m 1f) (5) <sup>₹</sup>

#### TAUNTON

ROB WRIGHT

2.10 Connaught Cracker (nap) 43.40 Twinnings Grove 4.10 Francesca's Folly 2.40 Flahive's First 4.40 Certain Angle

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.40 OUT'N'ABOUT.

Carl Evans: 4.40 Certain Angle.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

#### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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#### 2.10 WELLINGTON MONUMENT HANDICAP CHASE

(\$2,775, 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

EETTING: 1-1 Compusit Cradics, 11-4 Northern Saddler, 3-1 Jason's Boy, South West Express, 20-1 offices.

1998 BEYOND OUR REACH 10-10-7 J Harris (7-2) R Hodges 7 ran

FORM ANALYSIS (CONNAUGHT CRACKER has proved frustrating this season, following three seconds with a fall, when travelling well, last time out. However, the form of his previous effort behind times over-due Northern Saddler, a fortulous winner at Newton Abbot last month when let in by the tast lence departure of Rockhore, looks the main threat. He has since returned carbitable efforts in an entire traveller times must recently at Herbord on Friday when beaten 2% lengths into third in Saddler, and follow the main threat her since returned carbitable efforts in an entire traveller times must recently at Herbord on Friday when beaten 2% lengths into third in Saddler, and though seldon to away mote faller and, though seldon to away mote faller under pressure and can invariably be taken on South West Express may also find the high on the starp side but was in the process of running a big and, leading and shill bracelling well, when unsealing at Ludiow Last time. He cannot be ruled out.

#### 2.40 MELODY MAN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,775, 2m, 3f, 110yd) (6 runners)

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FORM ANALYSIS

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3.10 ORCHARD RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE (E4,577. 2m 3f) (4 numers)

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#### 3.40 SANNACOTT MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,453. 2m 3t 110yd) (10 runners)

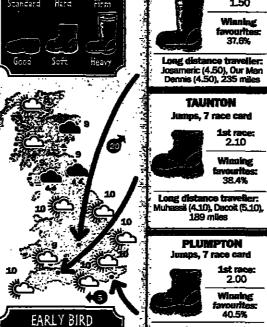
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FORM ANALYSIS and the most interesting of these and can everyone a study discussed from the racecourse in the interim he has pound Paul Nicholus from he has formed in the later in writing a 1%-male mattern on the last of boar Fast outloogs that makes ham down as the one to boar total. Longstone Lad other to Flagship Therese at Taundon't Capa Autr Folkes (debut boarth to likababad at Taundon) and Go-Churnyson (Morcecter than to Seen Song in November) have careful form-book claims and its likely that the winner will come from these three chould the selection tail to line up to expectations.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Stratford: 3.20 Edmond Taumton: 4.10 Francesca's Folly 4 40 Nalogre

### THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE GOING TODAY STRATFORD lomps. 7 race card 1.50



20/1 with William Hill TV: None of today's meetings Cheltenham, Thursday See racecards for detailed going

Long distance traveller: Gulible Guy (2.00), Kingdom Of Shades (2.30) & Whirlawhile

(3.00), 182 miles

#### 4.10 MARCH SELLING HURDLE (£1,481: 2m 1i) (8 runners)

Best value this marning

Suny Bay

(Gold Cup)

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TRUE VISION stands out as the one to best but is by no means a good thing and efforts to build a Cheflesham belong bank should be concentrated elsewhere. The selection pulled loo hard to her own good when their in a claimer star month and though settling better when whoring a selling handicap at Existe last Tuesday, she had her task simplified when two challenging rivats departed three out. Allegiance won a poor seller in August but has failed to repeat the form subsequently and garged when third to Fayez hat time. Means Woodstick reportedly returned lame on his reappearance and enters calculations on his subsequent fourth to Park Royal at Lingdield.

4.40 SOMERSET HUNTERS CHASE (£2,038: 3m) (8 runners)

SETTENS C-1 Certain Angle, 9-2 Just Ben, Gypsy Luck, 13-2 Hillheat, Kathore, 10-1 Muntali, 12-1 others.
1998, NING TORIUS 8-12-12 M. J Jules (1-2 tay) V Dertrail 5 ray

JUST BEN put behind him a poor brand between the flags with a much better effort to occupy the same placing, beaten under bro leagues the month. A lour-times within a more to poor le-points, he may now open his accurate under Roles. Certam Angle, formerly a fair handicap chases with Phulip Hobbs, showed that he retains a reasonable reseasce of ability when warving a ladies open for locky's rider at North Comwall in February.

5.10 WIDCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE [SHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£2,661: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1998: DRAGON KING 6-10-12 B Ferton (7-1) C Barwell 13 ran

The ex-John Gooden-trained Laffah appeared to be set plenty to do when finishing in and-division at Humangdon on his handicap bow but is looking expensive at the 23,000grts paid frown, he produced a strong finish to overhall Curriculus at Masseburgh last time. With Hader, who stayed on strongly to beat writherbar at Camerick, is similarly unexposed, while Mr Lerol fooked as if the race would no harn good when fourth to Misconduct at Folkestone on his debut for Amanda Perren. COURSE SPECIALISTS % 22.7 20.0 19.4 13.0 TRAINERS Wins Rors

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#### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: soft
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Desert Calm (16-1), 7 ran NP, Edra Stout,
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E1 80, DF: E2:90, CSF £4 52.
2.25 (2m 110)d hole); 1, Province (Major O
Elwood, 9-4 lav), 2, Studio Thrity (7-1), 3, Rat
Top (13-2), 8-ran, NF; Bunges Jumper 1-4,
6, C Mann Toter £2:90, £1:30, £1:80, £2:50
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2.55 (2m ch) 1, Natifive Charm (JA McCarity, evens lav), 2, Balad Minstriel (13-8); 3,
Caliton Beat (13-2), 4 ran, 122, 71 C Montock,
Tote: £2:00, DF: £1.70, CSF: £2:82.
3.30 (2m 4f 110)d hole); 1, Lordbernielbourf-108: \$2.00. Er. 17.0. CST. 226. 2.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdie) 1, Lordbernieboud-fant (P Hdie, 8-1); 2, Storn Of Gold (18-1); 3, Court Campion (5-1). Back on The Lash 4-1 fav. 11 nan. NF. Guilder 19, 17, J. Giford, Tole: £8.40; £1.80, £2.50, £2.10 DF: £87.90 CSF. £116.12. Thosas: £844.52 CSF: \$10.12. Incase: 1004-46. A. A. S. (2m. 110)rd hole; 1. Ragerncy Rake (A. Magure, 7-1); 2. Coultherd (7-1); 3. Dr Jazz (2-1 sav). 9 rsn. NRT. Road Race; Sr Tabot, Time For Action. Sh hd. 114. A. Moore, Tote: 57.10; 51.80, 52.40, 51.40, DF: 525.50, Tride-control on SSSC 65.52, Technology. **12. 5253.00. CSF 551.24. Tr** st. £123.18.

a. 223.00. CSP: 251.24. Incast. £123.18. 4.40 (3m 110)d (3h) 1, Native Player (P Hide, 9-2); 2, Sharp Command (11-2), 3, Mountain Path (9-4 lan), 8 ran, Hd, 161 R Rowe, Tote 28.30; £190, £190, £130. DF £18.10. CSF: £27.75. Treast. £83.85 E18.10. CSF: 227.75. Trocest: £53.85 5.15 (2m 110)d fiat) 1, Dusik Deel (M A Fi-zograld, 4-5 fav), 2, Rosco (14-1), 3, King Wizard (9-1), 16 ran. NR: Rher Gold, Specs 3'4, 51, N Henderson. Tote. 52.10, £1.30, 52.70, 53.20. DF: £10.60. CSF: £14.60. Jackpot: £12,209.10. Placepot: £24.60 Goscipot: £17.40

Ayr Goings soit tablig Sol. 1451, Major Bellaby (2-1 ji-fav); 2, Sim Pt-or (100-1), 3, Happy Deya (33-1), Cinder Hills 2-1 ji-fav, 6 ran. 2,15 1, Miller Stan (8-11 fav); 2, Cross The Rubicon (20-1); 3, Adventurus (11-1), 7 ran. NR Inver Red, Strong Mission. 2.45 1, Valigan (5-2 kev); 2, Thanks Keth (11-4), 3, Polar King (4-1), 6 ran, 3.20 1, Bright Deatiny (5-2); 2, Beter Times Ahead (7-4), Major Bell 6-4 kev 3 ran. 3.55 1, Gospel Song (11-2), 2, Exalted (13-2); 3, Exacutive Design (8-1) Mary's Feelings 3-1 law 8 ran. 4.30 1, Files De Cresson (5-1); 2, Bangabun-ny (3-1 lash; 3, Montrave (4-1). 6 ran. NP. Cla-dy Boy, Conston Joker. 5.05 1, Groose Half (9-2), 2 Lord Sandro-valch (8-4 last), 3, Just Tom (7-2) 5 ran. NR:

Chepstow

Going: soft, heavy in places 1.00 1, Just Nip (9-4 ke/); 2, Cottstown Boy (11-2), 3, Dangarous Guest (6-1) 7 ran. 1.30 1, Ottown (11-2); 2, See Frough (7-1), 3, Sail By The Start (8-11 ke/), 5 ran. NR: Belmoni King. 2.00 1, Beechanel (5-4 jt-lav); 2, Davoski 15-4 jt-lav); 3, Lawehik (6-1). 4 ran. NFI. Alho-saam

3.05 1, Garolsa (4-11 tav), 2, Cara Cane (16-1); 3, Gone Ballistic (12-1), 9 rgn. 3.40 1, https://distant.2, Native Fling (7-2); 3, Romancer (9-2) 5 ran.

#### Wolverhampton

Going: standard 1.40 1. Statisficium (13-2), 2. Garmock Val-ley (9-2 tan), 3, Live Project (9-1), 12 ran, 2.10 1. Gerwity (4-1); 2. Rouge (6-4 fav); 3, Forty Forta (6-1), 10 ran. 2.60 1, Pips Song (14-1); 2, Ocker (5-1); 3, Night Flight (25-1); Magic Rainbow 5-2 fav 13 ren. 3.15 1, Yakareem (14-1); 2, Wast-A-Minute (11-10 fav); 3, China Castle (7-2) 7 ran. (15-10 ke), 3 control color (\*\*) 7 km; 3.50 1, Mutabari (8-2), 2, Kasa Ahawa (5-1); 3, Step On Degas (16-1) Approacha-ble 3-1 fav. 12 ran. 4.25 1, Caphain Scott (15-2), 2, Welville (15-2), 3, Nomore Mr Niceguy (5-1 kw), 13 5.00 1, Aurondalie Girl (evens fav.), 2, Keen Hands (10-1), 3, Legal Venture (12-1) 13 5.30 1, Fer Cry (9-4), 2, Sudest (11-2); 3, Dargo (5-4 fav) 8 ran.

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TRAINERS | Text | M Pige Mrs M Reveley P Michalls P Hobbs N Handerson D Michalson **JOCKEYS** 

A P McCoy R Johnson M A Pitzgeski N Williamson R Danwoody A Maguire T J Murphy

### PLUMPTON

2.00 Johnston's Art. 2.30 Kingdom Of Shades. 3.00 Whirlawhile. 3.30 Tissue Of Lies. 4.00 Regal Aura. 4.30 Westerlands Queen. 5.00 Fountain Bid.

Carl Evans: 4.30 Westerlands Queen.

GOING: SOFT, HEAVY IN PLACES

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(£2,770: 2m 5l) (4) 1 3-P1 DEEP REFRAIN 185 (6.5) R Philips 9-11-10 ... A Thomson 84 2 3122 KINGDOM OF SHADES 47 (5) Mes V Williams 9-11-10 R Danwoody 17571 3 5455 JONES JACK 24 (F.S) R Dean 14-11-3 ...... Mr N Feiby (7) 64 4 P242 KIELLY MAC 27 (F.6.5) D O'Brien 9-11-3 ...... W Manaton 118 8-13 Kingdom Of Shades, 2-1 Kelly Mac, 8-1 Deep Retrain, 50-1 John Jack.

3.00 WEATHERBYS IT SERVICES NOVICES HURDLE (£2.250: 2m 10 (5)

1-10 Whitewhile, 14-1 Herringsby, 16-1 Castle Hill, 20-1 in Good Onter, 25-1 Moon Filter.

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(£2,233: 2m 4f) (5) 

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Carl Evans: 4.20 Tombola

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6 5406 FARR PRISSH 72 W Clay 5-11-2 G Tormey
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8 3223 BEHARIDA TRIANGLE 28 M Horses 4-10-2 M Cornelly (7)
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RACING: HENDERSON MAY USE BLINKERS TO SHARPEN FRENCH IMPORT

## Makounji gets Arkle go-ahead

By Chris McGrath

MARILLE

IN BLESSING the Couwolds with a charming spring day of birdsong and sunshine, the gods yesterday offered their favours with a sense of equity that punters would appreciate once the Cheltenham Festival gets underway tomorrow.

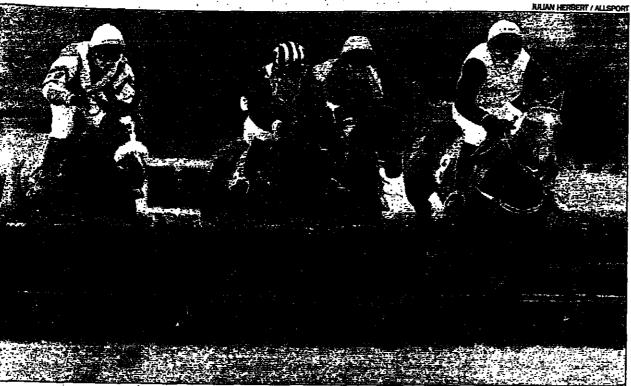
For the rain-softened ground, potentially such an inluential factor, now seems likely to dry out sufficiently to establish a fairly level playing field on that taxing climb to

the post.
Nicky Henderson walked the course at lunchtime and decided that the going will nonetheless be soft enough tomorrow for Makounji to drop back to two miles for the Guinness Arkle Trophy. Her alternative was the Cathcart Chase, over an additional five furlongs on Thursday.
At the same time, the trainer

is insuring against her being outpaced in the frantic early stages. There is a distinct pos-sibility she will wear blinkers,"he said. "My worry going for the shorter race was that they might just get her at it ear-ly on. When she ran against Potentate and Kurakka at Newbury, in particular, she looked a bit lost over the first two or three fences. I hope blinkers might make her a bit sharper."

Makounji already has an edge in weight allowances for hoth age and gender, but Henderson, who has schooled the French import in blinkers, might just have hit upon the sort of flourish that has already raised the game of no less than 18 Festival winners.

Only one of those successes.



Regency Rake, left. ridden by Maguire, pursue Coulthard, right, on the way to winning the Imperial Cup at Sandown

lands Imperial Cup at San-

down. Maguire's pugnacious

style, loose of rein and com-

pact of body, is a miracle of

balance at the best of times,

but here he even managed to

prevail despite losing his right

iron after the last.

Barna Boy in the 1997 County Hurdle, has been gained since 1993, but Henderson has been in resurgent form all season. Three more winners on Saturday took his score to 59, and his Festival team embraces not only the high profile of Makounji and Katarino, favourite for the Elite Racing Club Triumph Hurdle, but comparable strength in depth in the handicaps, notably with the Queen Mother's Easter Ross

"It's a nerve-wracking time, all right," he said. "But they've

in the Coral Cup.

all finished their work now, the last ones this morning, and let's hope for a great week. The course is in first-class condition. There's a lot of moisture underneath and it will ride pretty dead on the first day, but four dry days must make it nearly good ground." Likewise emboldened by his

form for the Festival is Adrian Maguire. Cheltenham has been the focus of atrocious misfortune for the jockey in recent

Regency Rake, trained by

seasons, but on Saturday he Arthur Moore, will doubtless be treated as a positive augur not only for Maguire but also offered timely confirmation of his renewed zest, havling for the trish in general. Regency Rake home by a nostril in a thrilling Sunder-

In other Festival news yesterday it emerged that Direct Route will be given the chance to erase the memory of a poor run at Ascot last month in Wednesday's Queen Mother Champion Chase. Howard Johnson's stable star broke a blood vessel when finishing fourth to Teeton Mill in the Mitsubishi Shogun Chase. "He's coming back to himself a bit now," the trainer said.

RICHARD EVANS: Nap: Suranom (3.30 Plumpton)

#### **SNOOKER**

### China king Higgins remains world No 1

FROM PHIL YATES IN SHANGHAI

JOHN HIGGINS celebrated the 15th tournament success of his career in Shanghai last night in the inaugural China International.

Higgins won the final 9-3 against Billy Snaddon, the world No 32, who handed Stephen Hendry a surprising 6-2 defeat in the semi-finals. The combination of those two results guarantees that Higgins retains the world No I spot next season.

"It's great news," Higgins said. "I wouldn't have fancied losing top spot anyway, with the lead I've got, but now I can travel down to the British Open next month with one less thing to worry about."

It was not a classic final. Snaddon, running on empty after the most productive but also most draining week of his career, made too many unforced errors to place Higgins under any real pressure. He trailed 6-2 after the first

session and, although the opening two frames of the closing session were shared. Higgins swiftly made breaks of 124 and 42 to secure his first title victory in Asia.

Higgins collected £42,000 to take his tournament earnings for the season to £399,925. Snaddon secured a sum of £21,000. almost double his highest purse from a single event since he turned profes-

#### **EQUESTRIANISM**

## Beerbaum takes short cut to memorable win

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN PARIS

LUDGER BEERBAUM, of Germany, the European showjumping champion, gave the packed Palais d'Oninisports a thrilling display of jumping here yesterday when he and Priamos, the horse on which he gained a team gold medal at the world championships last year, won the World Cup qualifier by 3.67sec.

Beerbaum, the 1992 Olympie champion, took an improbable looking short cut to fence four, which brought him home comfortably ahead of Willi Melliger, of Switzerland, on Calvaro. Xavier Caumont. of France, gave the home crowd a measure of consolation when he took third place on Baladine du Mesnil, his 1997 Seville winner.

John Whitaker, the only Briton to reach the 11-horse jumpoff, incurred four faults at the second fence on Virtual Village Heyman, who was having his first important competi-tion of the year, and finished in eighth place. But the performance has lifted Whitaker to fifth in the rankings for the European League of the World Cup and secured his place in the final in Gothen-

burg next month. "Heyman's a little rusty after the winter but I'm very pleased with him and we've done what we set out to do." Whitaker said. He has now qualified for every final since the event began in 1979.

Whitaker's younger brothет. Michael, who opted to ride Virtual Village Ashley yesterday after Hilton succumbed to an inexplicable loss of form, failed to reach the jump-off after a mistake in the opening round. Coming in too close to the first part of the double at fence five, an oxer, he paid the penalty with four faults. But he is still in sixth place in the rankings after his third places

at Millstreet and Olympia. Geoff Billington was the most frustrated of the three Britons. He walked around Serge Houtmann's big. 13-fence course before deciding that it was well suited to It's Otto and duly produced a clear round - only to find he had incurred half a time fault for exceeding the 74 seconds allowed over the course.

The jump-off course, which included a flat-out gallop across the arena to the last of the six fences, had been a tame affair until Beerbaum entered the arena. But the German's daring short cut, which was accompanied by roars of approval from the crowd, set a new standard for the five who followed. Rodrigo Pessoa, of Brazil, the world champion and holder of the World Cup, took up the challenge on Gandini Baloubet du Rouet and looked to have the event there for the taking after a lightning fast round — until he just clipped the last fence.

## Jones advertises her talents with four-timer

PIP JONES. Britain's champion wilman rider, put a firm grasp on this year's title on Saturday when partnering four winners at the Brecon & Taly-

Fearless and blessed with confidence to match at present, Jones is in demand in this sport, but has strangely been overlooked for rides at this week's Cheltenham Festival.

day, while driving to the Carmarthen-reported herself "sore but okay".

shire meeting for another five rides. Her successes took her score for this

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

phone would have rung."

Jones won the hunt race on Kerry Soldier Blue (1-5), the confined on Veryvet (4-5), the ladies' open on Warren Boy (4-7) and a division of the maiden on Lady Buckland (11-10). Her last ride of the day, in the twelth race, ended in 'Nobody wants me," she said yester- a fall from Glenville Breeze, but Jones

"Perhaps if I'd managed a six-timer the season to 12, and her career total between the flags to 160.

Alison Dare added to her total (267 career wins) when Split Second (4-6) just beat All Weather at the Avon Vale. Also at this meeting, Mark Rimell warmed up for his ride on Varykinov in Thursday's Foxhunter Chase when partnering Ginny Eliott's Gildrom (4-5) into second place in the 19-runner restricted race. The winner, the Barry

Kendellan-ridden Royal Surprise, started at 20-1 with the bookies, but paid £103 on the tote. "It was his day." said Lambourn trainer John Porter of his 12-year-old, who was doubling his winning score. "He's been placed in good races in the past."

Clive Storey rode a double at the Cumberland Farmers' meeting on Blyth Brook (7-2) and Tinafoil (7-4), but had to be content with third in the men's open on favourite Faster Ron as Pablowmore (4-1) took first spot.

## Hirondelles go clear of rivals

AN excellent display of shoot-ing by the England interna-tional, Lyn Carpenter, and the England Under-19 player. Louise Moore, helped Hirondelles move clear at the top of the English National Clubs League table when they beat Tongham 55-43 yesterday (Cathy Harris writes).

After New Cambell suffered a surprise 53-48 defeat against Wyvern, the Surrey club

#### NETBALL

moved clear of champions Linden whose game against Oakwood was postponed because an umpire was unavailable.

Solid in defence, Hirondelles turned in a fine team performance to sustain their fitle push. But for New Cambell, who are missing Pat Suth-

erland through pregnancy and Wendy Hale with an Achilles' heel injury, their prospects appear bleak.

Linden player-coach Colette Thomson said the postponement of her team's fixture was "a blessing in disguise" as players Lisa Driver, Lisa Topliss. Sarah Olden and Olivia Murphy were all missing. She said it would probably be rearranged for the end of April.

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The Fantasy Formula One results of the Australian Grand Prix appear below with Eddie Irvine leading the drivers on 153 points and Arrows heading the constructors with 21 points. J Kilmartin of Maidenhead, Berks, wins a pair of four-day passes to this year's British Grand Prix. His team, Prancers 9, scored 818 points in Melbourne and comprised M Schumacher, Irvine, Fisichella, R Schumacher, Frentzen and Takagi for the drivers and Ferrari.

Benetton, Williams, Arrows, BAR and Stewart for the constructors. The winner of our fantasy title will drive away at the end of the season in a TVR Cerbera, valued at over £40,000. Second prize is £10,000 plus a trip for two to the 2000 Monaco Grand Prix. Third prize is £5,000 plus a pair of four-day passes to the 2000 British Grand Prix. To enter a team for the Brazilian GP, which offers up to 600 bonus points, or to make transfers, see details below

FANTASY FORMULA

#### AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX RESULTS

DRIVERS: Qualifying points (scored by qualifying for the start of each grand prix within the first 20 positions on the grid): Pole M Hakkinen 30 points; 2nd D Coulthard 25; 3rd M Schumacher 24; 4th R Barrichello 23; 5th HH Frentzen 22; 6th E irvine 21: 7th G Fisichella 20; 8th R Schumacher 19; 9th D Hill 18; 10th A Wurz 17; 11th J Villeneuwe 16; 12th J Trulli 15; 13th J Herbert 14; 14th P Diniz 13; 15th A Zanardi 12; 16th J Alesi 11; 17th Takagi 10; 18th P de la Rosa 9; 19th R Zonta 8; 20th O Panis 7. Finishing points (scored for the top 20 classified positions at the end of every grand prix): 1st E Irvine 60 points; 2nd H-H Frentzen 50; 3rd R Schumacher 40; 4th G Fisichelle 30; 5th R Barnchello 29; 6th P de la Rosa 28; 7th T Takagi 27; 8th M Schumacher 26. (Only 8 were classified.) Lap points (one point for each lap completed): E irvine 57 points; H-H Frentzen 57; R Schumacher 57; G Fisichella 57; R Barrichello 57; P de la Rosa 57; T Takagi 57; M Schumacher 56; R Zonta 48; L Badoer 42; A Wurz 28; P Diniz 27; M Gene 25; J Truffi 25; O Panis 23; M Hakkinen 21; A Zanardi 20; D Coulthard 13; J Villeneuve 13. Improvement from starting grid to finishing position (3 points for each improved place): P de la Rosa 36 points; T Takagi 30; E Irvine 15; P Schumache 15; HH Frentzen 9; G Fisichelia 9. Fastest lap time of grand prix M Schumacher 10 points. Penalty points incident resulting in a driver being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): M Schumacher -10 points; R Barrichello -10. Did not finish the race (10 points deducted): R Zonta -10 points; L Badoer -10; A Wurz -10; P Diniz -10; M Gene -10; J Truff -10; O Panis -10; M Hakkinen -10; A Zanardi -10; D Coulthard -10; J Villeneuve -10; D Hill -10; J Alesi -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): J Herbert -10 points. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none. CONSTRUCTORS: Finishing visits (scored for the first car only in the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): Ferrari 30 points; Jordan 25; Williams 24; Benetion 23; Stewart 22; Arrows 21. Penalty points Incident resulting in a car being made to start from back of grid or pa lane (10 points deducted): Ferrari-10 points; Stewart -10. ation of a car during the race (10 points deducted): McLaren -20 points; Prost -20; Sauber -20; Minardi -20; BAR -20; Jordan -10; Williams -10; Benetton -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): Stewart -10 points. Speeding in the pit inne (5 points deducted); none.

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VALDINALL BALLY OF WALES: Fleat po-citions: 1, D Higgins (loM, Subsru Impreza). 3hr 22min 0 4spc; 2, M Rowe (loM, Renault Megane) at 13,0sec; 3, T Lautidanen (Fin, Re-nault Megane) 27, 24, D Buckley (Soct), Ma-subishi Lancar) 2: 17,8; 5, M Higgins (loM, Vollswagen Golf) 25,7; 1; 6, J Krybetho (Fin, Vauchall Astra) 6,12,5; 8, J Esscon (Eng, M-aubishi Lancar) 8,10,5; 8, J Esscon (Eng, M-eubishi Lancar) 8,10,5; 8, D (Eng, M-eubishi Lancar) 8,10,5; 9, D (Eng, M-eubishi Lancar) 8,10,5; 9, D (Eng, M-eubishi Lancar) 8,10,5; 9, D (Eng, M-eubishi 23; 3, M (Engins 25; 4, Kytoleho 22, Leading constructors: 1, Renault 16pts; 2, Voltawagen 12, 3, Vaushall 9.

ICE HOCKEY

WOMEN'S MEAD OF THE RIVER RACE (Montales to Pumey): 1, Meriow A (Bmin 30asc (elter winners); 2, Tharmes A 18-41; 3. Thomes Southers A 18-12 (service one winners); 4, Belvoir A 18-18 (service one winners); 5, Upper Tharmes 19-24; 6, University of London 18-29 (university winners); 7, Kingston A 19-20; 8, Meriow B 19-21; 9, Notingham County 19-24; 10, Impertal College and Queen's Tower A 19-28. Other division winners: Service how Cambridge University B 20:13. Sentior three: Cambridge University B 20:13. Sentior three: Cambridge University B 20:13. Sentior three: Cambridge University C 19-55. Novice: embersity sentimentor University A 20-48. Novice crutz: Twictenham C 21:34. Visiterate Darwert/Liscoster/Notics and Lindon 20-45. School: Lody Eleanor Holles 20:08. Provincial club: Grosvetox A 20:12. BUSA: Oxford Brookes A 20:22.

SCHOOLS SPORT

FOOTBALL: Mindzone Individual schools Trophy (under-19): Cusarias-funit: Wickersley: (Anter-19): Cusarias-funit: Wickersley: (Anter-19): Cusarias-funit: Wickersley: (Anter-19): Cusarias-funit: Satis-rosend replays: Basmisey I Inshop Aucidend Win 3-1 on pers), Quaries-funit: Washington (Durkers) of Hungaris! (Durkersless) 3. Instructionally matches: Under-19: Cumbris and Galloway 4. Under-15: Cumbris and Galloway 0. Under-18: Cumbris Cumbris Control (Marchester 2 Masochester County Cup: Semi-final: Stockport 1. Others 10. North-semi Mark Energies: Walkeleid 2 Backgood 1. Yorkshiters Trophy: Cusarise-finat: Red of and Caveland 0 Donosaler 2. Premier League Trophy: Under-18: Devon 0 Easex 1.

Set II. Roadeasc National champion-ships: Under-19: Seal-finals: Bebilde 7 Our Lody's Chellynds 13; Barton Peveril 10 N College 7; Final: Our Lady's Chellynds 11 Barton Peveril 9; Under-19: Semi-Braille Eng-felh Martyn 8 Brasbourne 9; Fairfax 12 Ost-meads 8. Final: Brasbourne 7 Fairfax 8. Us-

Track and field

PETERSBURG, South Africa: Grand Prix meeting: Selectind results: Meet: Triple Image; J. Edwards (3B) 16.90m. Other Brisish phincing: 2, T Oke 15.84. Javelite: M. Carbett (SA) 87.77m; 2, M. Robesson 75.52.

KELVEN HALL, Glasgow: British universities indoor championships: Saturday: Meet: SDEZ: 1, J. Henthom (LWC) 6.84sec; 2, J. Stevent (Loughborough) 6.86; 3, G. Bessley (Brunel) 8.87. Soon humilies: 1, M. Clamerts (Stallordshire) 8.01; 2, M. Bliott (Brunel) 8.18; 3, M. Dougles (Brunel) 8.24. Pole veud: 1, T. Thomas (LWC) 5m; 2, T. Roberts (Cambridge) 4.80; 3, R. Cooper (Brunel) 4.60. Long Jamps: 1, D. Thompson (St. Mey 9) 7.99m; 2, C. Madders Cole (Shelled) 7.08; 3, S. Bonnely (Staflordshire) 7.01. Triple Jonge; 1, D. Rove (Wowletsmiption) 12.00m; 2, J. Johnson (Wanwick) 12.00; 3, J. Hurst (Staflordshire) 11, 95. Stock 1, E. Udechuku (Loughborough) 18.88m; 2, G. Anto-

Triple jump: 1, D Rowe (Woherhampton)
12 Dim: 2, Johnson (Wenvict) 12 00: 3, Junes (Sastordahler) 11.95, Shot: 1, E Udechuld (Loughborough) 15.95 3, D Readle Edge Hill) 15.91. Women: 60mm; D Rower (Woherhampton) 77.42, L Fers (Jaughborough) 15.94; 3, D Readle Edge Hill) 15.91. Women: 60mm; D Rower (Woherhampton) 77.42, L Fers (Jaughborough) 7.86; 3, E Nicholas (JWIC) 7.92, 3,000m; 1, S Fainveather (Gaspoul) 9.98,54; 2, L Williams (Brighton) 10:12.10; 3, R Taylor (Brunel West London) 10:12.10; 3, L Buddon (De Montford) 8.85 shot: 1, E Gartral (S Mary's) 14.24m; 2, C Bernell (Greenwich) 13.76; 3, E Menry (Brunel) 13.96; 3; L Buddon (De Montford) 8.85 shot: 1, E Gartral (S Mary's) 14.24m; 2, C Bernell (Greenwich) 13.76; 3; E Menry (Brunel) 21.50; 3, G Bessley (Brunel West London) 21.50, 400m; 1, R Surinnol ST Mary's 47.4; 2, C Rewlinson (Loughborough) 48.04; 3, S Scott (Gisgow) 48.18, 800m; 1, Weils (Herthorthins) 14.13; 3, West London) 15:4.35; 3, N Spenight (Brunel West London) 2:10m; 2, S Living-slone (Nagier) 205; 3, S Bonnell (Saston-shrie) 200; Triple Imme; 1, C Medeix-Cole (Sationough) 8.20.26; 3, S Bonnell (Saston-shrie) 200; 11:40 11; 27:42; 2, Brunel West London) 2:10m; 2, S Living-slone (Nagier) 14.20, A × 200m; 1, R Aspolen (Brunel West London) 2:10m; 2, S Living-slone (Nagier) 12.71; 2, Brunel West London) 2:10m; 2, S Living-slone (Nagier) 12.71; 2, Brunel West London) 2:10m; 2, S Living-slone (Nagier) 14.20, A × 200m; 1, Marylor (Station-shrie) 2:14.41; High Jossey; 1, L McConnell (Durgliborough) 15.54; 2, N Borne (Loughborough) 15.55; 3, N Living (Brunel West London) 15:10m; 2, L McConnell (Loughborough) 1.85m; 2, J Canne (Berninghern) 2:13.93; 3, K Johns (Korthurbrie) 2:14.41; High Jossey; 1, L McConnell (Loughborough) 1.85m; 2, J Canne (Berninghern) 2:13.93; 3, K Johns (Korthurbrie) 2:14.41; High Jossey; 1, L McConnell (Loughborough) 1.85m; 2, J Canne (Berninghern) 2:13.

Track and field

MEN'S HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

der-14: Semi-Bente: Brudouma 7 Gebie Hall 11, Feirfex 9 Bacup and Revienstall 15. Final: Gebie Hall 7 Bacup and Revienstall 11.

SHANGHAI: Chine International: Sent-fants: W Snaddon (Scot) bit S Hendry (Scot) 6-2: J Higgins (Scot) bit A McMarus (Scot) 6-4: Final: Higgins bit Snaddon 9-3 (Iname scores, Higgins first: 56-53, 79-29, 0-93, 62-68, 73-25, 68-3, 78-9, 72-43, 21-55, 64-30, 124-13, 66-6).

TOULOUSE: Women's Open: Semi-S-nais: T Melic (Woles) bt V Schwight (Eng) 9-3, 9-0, 9-5; S Shebene (Egypt) bt T Shen-ton (Eng) 10-8, 10-8, 9-0.

GREAT YARSACUTTI: English Open:
Ment: Singlest Charater-finals: Me Wertge
(China) bt O Clant (Austria) 21-14, 22-20,
21-13; J Persson (Swel bt J Hann) (Can)
14-21, 21-10, 21-18; 21-11; WS Tablest (Austria)
14-21, 21-10, 21-16, 21-11; WS Tablest (Austria)
17-21, 21-17; Kim Teek Soo (S Kor) bt P Chila Fin 21-16, 21-10, 21-11, Semi-druelis: Ma
Wenge bt Persson 21-18, 21-18, 15-21,
25-27, 22-20, 12-21, 21-14, Wennert: Sinpleat Charater-finals: M Steff (Port) bt J
Iten-Zomer (Cen) 21-16, 7-21, 21-16, 21-19,
21-14, J Schoop (Gen) bt F J Hye (S Kor)
18-21, 21-15, G Jan (LIS) bt K Moo
Kyo (S Kor) 19-21, 12-21, 21-14, 21-19,
21-14, J Schoop (Gen) bt F J Hye (S Kor)
18-21, 21-19, 21-16, 21-10, 21-18, 20-22,
21-17, Bollseut bt Jun 21-12, 21-16, 21-16.

PADMAN WELLS, Cultifornia: Champions' Cop: Quarter-Greek: C Moyé (Sp) bt K Kucara (Shoekea) 8-4, 6-4; G Kuster (Sr) bt K Kucara (Shoekea) 8-6, 6-4; M Prilippoussis (Aus) bt T Mertin (US) 3-6, 7-6, 6-1. Semi-finable: Moyé bt Kustern 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; Prilippoussis bt C Woodrulf (US) 6-1, 6-2, WTA Evert Cop: Plant: S Williams (US) bt S Graf (Ger) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6.

ham) 1.80; 3, K Roger (Strathchele) 1.85. Pole weelt: 1, 9 Fürgley (Loughtorough) 3.40m; 2, C Ridgley (Oxford) 3.40; 3, K Dowsett (London) 3.30, Long hame: 1, D Hardson (Birmingham) 5.41; 3, Morein (Unstell) 5.40; 4, 200m relen; 1, Loughborough) 5.41; 3, Morein (Unstell) 5.40; 4, 200m relen; 1, Loughborough 1.40, 40; 2, Birmingham 1.44, 26; 3, St Mary's 1.47.35. Teasas: 1, Birmingham 30; 2, Loughborough 28; 3, St Mary's 13; 4, Weiverhampton 10.

Cross country

Road running

Road running
BARCELONA: Catalan sanathor: Meer; 1, D Koman (Ken) 2hr 16min 24ser; 2, B Ojeda
(Sc) 220:84; 3, H Jaouad (Mor) 222:58; 4, EA El Krehychy (Mor) 222:25; 5, S Lopez
(Sc) 222:45; 6, M Rico (Sc)) 223:50.
READBNO: Yellow Pages ball-carathors; 1, S Nyangincha (Kon) 14h Amin 18ser; 2, C Warren (Bachfeld) 1:04:58; 3, M Krehel (Kan), 14b:75; 4, M Price (Sunderland) 1:06:75; 5, P O'Celegian (Bichfeld) 1:06:27; 5, P O'Celegian (Bichfeld) 1:06:27; 5, P O'Celegian (Bichfeld) 1:06:27; 7, P O'Celegian (Bichfeld) 1:06:27; 7, P O'Celegian (Bichfeld) 1:06:27; 8, P O'Celegian (Bichfeld) 1:06:27; 9, P O'Cel

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TODAY

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

DR MARTIENS LEAGUE: Premier divisions Alterstone v Saisbury. Southern divisions Darindry 4 Tontrope Angels. LPREDOND LEAGUE: Premier divisions: Erriley v Winstord. First divisions. Ashton. Linked v Wiston Abson.

Linded v Wilton Albion.
RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dagerham and Redbridge v Harrow (7 45)
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION:
First division: Northempton v Fulham (2.0).
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division:
Backburn v Manchester Utd (7.0); Sunderland v Aston Villa (7 0).
SCREWFOX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier
division: Keynstam v Backwell
MINIERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Challenge Trophy:
Fourth round: Ruisip Manor v Weithern
Abbey

Abbey NOHTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE: First division: Citherce v Holker Old Boys.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Ocurter-finals, second leg: AS Roma (1) v Alléico Madind (2) (7:30), Celta Vigo (1) v Marsedes (2) (8:45), Lyons (0) v Bologna (3) (7:30), Parma (1) v Bos-

ham (7.45)
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Buy v Wokerhampion (7.45). Crewe v
Grinchy (7.45). Second division: Blackpool v Scurrennouth (7.30). Manchester
Cry v Note Count, (7.45). Sloke v Futham
(7.45). Third division: Berntod v Haisex
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(7.45). Rotherham v Cardil (7.45).
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHELD: Northern section: Final, first leg: Wigan v Virex-

First division

SCUTTAND SQUAD (or ned year's world outdoor champonshipp). G Arcter (Sight-hill); N Currle (Annen); K and R Logan (Kirdston); A Marnhall (Gorgie Mills); R Marnhall (Santiord). J Michayre (Houlds-world); G Saeddon (Brodburn); I Sneddon (Tutbooly), W Wood (Gillord) BOXING MADISON SQUARE GARDEN: New York: WBA, WBC and ISF heavyweight Sides: E Holylicid (U.S. holder of WBA and ISF) draw with Levits (GB, holder of WBC) IBF light-middleweight filte: F Varges (U.S) to H Clarke (GB) to 4th WBA weiter-weight characticanting: J Page (U.S) to S Garr (U.S) pts. WBA flyweight title: L Garnez (Veri) for H Scho (Pag) Srd. Bowlets: LeisUne Centre, Marchaeter: British, Commonweath and European light-heavyweight title: C Woods (Shefield) to C Ashley (Leeds) ret 8th. European super bentumweight title: M Brode (Alanchester) to S McGroune Fr) rsc 9th Commonweath and vacant British flyweight Silies: D (Kely (Gelast) by A Harne (Briningham) pts. Central Area light-weight Silies: D (Kely (Gelast) by A Harne (Briningham) pts. Central Area light-weight Silies: D (Kely (Gelast) by A Harne (Briningham) pts. Central Area light-weight Silies: D (Kely (Gelast) by A Harne (Briningham) pts. Central Area light-weight Silies: D (Kely (Gelast) by A Harne (Straingham) pts. Central Area light-weight Silies: D (Cata) by M Domriguez (Arr) pts. SAINT-HAZAIRE, France: European welterweight title: M Nesterento (Plass) to S Cazeau (Fr) 9th

CRICKET Second Test match New Zealand v South Africa CHRISTCHURCH (fourth day of five): South Alifea, with rane first-innands wedges in hand, are 274 runs shead of New Zealand Pollock 4 for 34). SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 

PRIST DIVISION: Seturday: Athioge () Chemsland 4. Canterbury 2 Bradford 1, Tro-jers 2 Sunderland 1; Wirnbladen 2 Lough brough Students 2, Yesterday: Loughbor-ough Students 3 Bradford 2.

ham (7.45). Southern section: Final, sec-ond leg: Walsall (I) v Milwell (1) (7.45). MATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Chelten-ham v Femborough (7.45); Leek v South-pot (7.45); Northwich v Doncaster (7.45); Hushden and Diamonds v Dover (7.45); Welfing v Stevenage (7.45); Wolking v Ketter-ing (7.45).

SCOTTISM LEAGUS: Third division: Ab-on v Montrose (7.30); Dumbarton v Cowden-beath (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: Setonda play-off champi-toship: Group B: Noting am Parthets v Newcastle Riverlange (7.30).

WEDNESDAY

**FOOTBALL** 

EUROPEAN CUP: Cauerter-Sinais, second leg: Dynamo (lev (1) v Real Madind (1) (7.45): Internacionale (0) v Manchester Und (2) (7.45): Kaserstautem (0) v Bayern Munch (2) (7.45). Olympiakos (1) v Juventus (2) (7.45).

(2) (7-45).

MATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Forest Green v Yeovil (7-45).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clydebank v Ayr (7-30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP: Featherstone v Widnes (7 30); Whitehaven v Lancashire Lynx (7 30); Hull KR v Oldhem (7 30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Buthweiser Laugue: 8r-mingham Bullets v Edinburgh Rocks (at As-ton Vide. 7 30); Worthing Bears v Derby Storm (8.0)

Storm (AU)
RUGBY LEAGUE: Student Cup (at Cougar Park, Keighley): Women: Pinet: Manchester University v Luton University (6.0).

BOMLING: Vass 22-4-101-0; Widorams-anghe 20-4-53-0; K S C de Sita 25-4-375-1; Chandana 47-48-179-6; P A de Sita 12-0-44-0; Amold 37-2-2-80-2; Jayanerdene 10-0-35-0. Limpires: D B Cowie (New Zealand) and D R Shepherd (England) SHEFFRELD SHRELD: Final day of four: Hobart: Tasmania 278 and 240-9 (J Cox BASKETBALL PREMIER HOLIDAYS EAST LEAGUE: Pre-maier division A: Bedord Town 1 Busharts 2 Colchester 1 Bishord's Stortion 2 Crostyx 6 Cambridge City 1; Ipowich 3 Cambridge University 8; Pelerborough Town 4 Cacton NTERNATIONAL MATCH: South Arrica 3 Australia 6 (in Cape Town, Australia win series 4-1)

FALL OF WICKET, 1-127.

BOWLING: Ocul 25.5-9-48-0; Allott 43-11-103-0; Nash 22-6-46-0; Actle 18.1-2-78-0; Vertori 24-6-73-1; Stead 1-0-1-0; Herns 28-9-77-0.

Umpros: K T Francis (Sri Lanka) and D M Quested.

Asian Test championship

Sri Lanka v Pakistan

DHAKA (thad day of live). Sri Lanke, with seven second-immings wickets in hand, are 354 runs behind Pakistan

SRI LANKA: First Innangs 231 (P A de Silve 72; Arshad Khan 5 for 38).

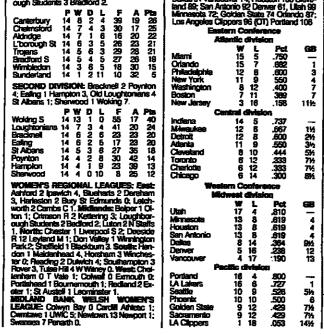
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 1.1-0-5-3; Shoalb Akhtar 1-0-4-0. PAKISTAN: First Immigs

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b K S C de Silva ......
jez Ahmed st Tillekendine b Chanda

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-117, 3-483, 4-515, 5-518, 6-534, 7-542, 8-555, 9-590

Total (3 wids)...

URS-BALL TROPHY: Fisail: Derby Storm 89 Manchester Giants 90 (at NEC Arene, Burmingham)
BUDWIESER LEAGUE: Greater London Leopards 82 Themse Valley Tigers 91; Shefield Sharks 63 Milton Krivna Lions 60 MATIONAL LEAGUE (1881; Hiller First division: Carolif C 89 Solent 118: Coveriny 98 Carolif P 72 Guiddon 61 Steveringe 178; Oxford 63 Phymouth 112 Tecsside 99 Solend 65; Westminater 82 Briston 74, Second divisions: Beumemouth 75 Wandsworth 89; Chassington 70 Swindon 69; Liversoil 83 Reacting 78; Protested 65; Taumon 85 Financia 18 Reacting 78; Protested 65; Taumon 85 Financia 19 Reacting 78; Protested 65; Taumon 85 Financia 19 Reacting 78; Protested 65; Taumon 85 Financia 19 Reacting 78; Spelthome 44 Rhondod 58; National A. ASSOCIATION (NRSA); Friday; Indiana 103 Milwaukee 104; Philadelphia 100 New Jersey 33 (CIT); Washington 83 Charlotte 92; Detroit 93 Boston 83; Charlotte 92; Detroit 93 Boston 83; Charlotte 92; Ortin New York 63, Priorents 97 San Antonio 99; Portland 77 Usan 91; Los Angeles Lakers 89 Golden Stata 78; Socramento 95 Milmesota 72; Golden Stata 74 Oxfordo 87; Los Angeles Cappers 96 (CIT) Portland 100 Esetern Confidence



A dynamic Peter Gade Christensen demonstrates the athleticism that helped take him to victory in the final of the All-England badminton championships yesterday **GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD** 

RUGETY UNION: Cleb statch: Richmond XV v Royal Navy (at Athletic Ground, 7.30). THURSDAY FOOTBALL CUP WINGERS' CUP: Quarter-linets, second leg: Lazio (4) v Parionios (7) (7.45); Meccabi Hafa (0) v Lokomotiv Moscow (3) (4.30); Real Maltora (0) v Varielis (0) (7.30); Valerenga (0) v Chelses (3) (7.30). SATURDAY

OTHER SPORT HOCKEY: Women's home patients tour-nament (at DISC, Dundee): Under-18: Scotland v Wates (3.30); England v Intervol (5.16) Under-16: Sociland v Wates (12.0); keland v England (1.45) ICE HOCKEY: Seconds play-off championship: Group A: Sheffeld Steelers v London Knights (7.30). · FRIDAY

Cardit v Liverpool John Moores University

RUGBY UNION A INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England v France (at Redruth, 1.30); Italy v Wales (at Rovigo, 7.30); Scotland v Ireland (at Myre-side, 7.0). suc. 7 V).
UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH-ES: England v France (at Worcester, 730; Raly v Wales (at Udine, 2.0); Scot-land v Ireland (at Bridgehaugh, String, 6.30). CLUB MATCH: Harlequins v Biantiz (7 30). RUGBY LEAGUE JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Leeds v Wigan

OTHER SPORT OTHER SPUHI

RASKETBALL: Buckeniser League: Milton
Keynes Llona v Lecester Riders (7:30); Shefleid Sheries v Manchester Gients (7:45).
HOCKEY: Women's brone unflows brunsament (at DISC, Dundee): Under-18:
Scottant's vietnet (1:30); England v Wales
(3:15). Under-18: Scottand v Insend (10:0);
Wales v England (11:45).
ICE HOCKEY: Selocoda pisy-off championalitic: Group B: Newcastle Rivertings v
Cardiff Devis (7:15).

FOOTBALL Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

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Covertry, Blackburn v Winbledon, Lausday
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Southampton v Sheffield Wednesday; West
Ham v Newcasile
MINTIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divisions
Barneley v Wolverhampton, Brisol City v
Braditort; Criwe v Cudord Utd. Crystal Palace v Grimsby, Huckersleid v Bimmigham,
Norwich v Portsmouth; Cusers Park Nangers v Swindon, Shefield Utd v Port Vale,
Stockport v Tearmers: Sunderland v Bolton:
Waitbrid v Bury, West Bromwich v Ipswich.
Second division: Chesterfield v Luton. Colchester v Manchester City (8.0); Fulham v
Blackpoot, Cillingham v Luncon, Northamplon v Macolessield, Cichem v Mithwalt, Prestion v Bournemouth; Resching v Wycomber,
Stoke v Notis Coumy, Welstal v Steick Rovers Wrednam v Burnley, York v Wigen. Taled
division: Cambridge Ltd v Manskelt, Calisie v Bernford: Darlington v Southront belear v Carolisi (72.15); Hartlepool v Brighton,
Huff v Plymouth; Rocridele v Bennet, Hoffreham v Kestering, Doncaster v Welling, Famborough v Northwicht, Hayes v Southport; Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PRE-MIER LEAGUE Durdee visants; Durter-ine v S. Johnstone, Motherwell v Aberdser; Rangers v Durdee Utd. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Ayr v Si Mirrer; Clydoberk v Reith; Felkin v Harni-tor; Hibernien v Airdrie; Stanzaer v Green-ock Motor. Second division: Allon v Custern of South; Cycle v Arbrosit; East File v Stating; Fortry Inventors CT; Partick v Liv-ingston. Taint division: Allon v Stan-nussmari, Barwick v Brechn; Mortesse v East Stirling; Queen's Park v Cowderbeath; Ross Courtly v Dumbarton. RUGBY UNION LLOYDS TSB FIVE NATIONS CHAMPI-ONSHIP: England v France (at Twicken-ham, 2.30); Scotland v Ireland (at Muney-field, 3.0) field, 3.0)
ENTERNATIONAL MATCH: Rely v Wales (at Trevien, 1.30).
JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Lydney v Henley (1.30).
WELISH LEAGUE: First division: Black-wood v Portypool (2.30). RUGBY LEAGUE JUB SUPER LEAGUE: Sheffield v London (6.0).

BASICETBALL: Budwelser Leegue: Derby Storm v Briningham Bullets (7:30); Lecester Riders v Strellfed Shartis (7:30); Manchester Riders v London Towers (7:10); Menchester Gartis v London Towers (7:10); Mencestel Eagles v Chester Jets (7:30); Themes Valley Tropers v Edinburgh Plotte (8:00); Worthing Beens v Greater London Leopards (8:00); HOCKEY: Wowens's bouster millions tournessent (set DISC, Dundee): Beden-18: Wales v Ireland (10:45); Scotland v England

Leek v Forest Green, Morecambe v Rushder and Diamonds; Woking v Stevenage.

BARK OF SCOTILAND SCOTTISH PRE-

Scotland v England (2.15).
RCE HOCKEY: Saltonda play-off championethip: Group A: London Knights v Manchester Skorm (7.0). SUNDAY FOOTBALL WORTHINGTON CUP: First: Leicester v Tottenhem (at Warnbley, 3.0). FA CARLING PREMISERSHIP: Aston Vita v Chelses (11.30); Marchester Ust v Ever-ion (3.0). BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PRE-MISER LEAGUE: Presider division; Kilmer-nork v Cells (8) 153.

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BASKETBALL: Budwelser Laegue: Cheser Jels v Edinburgh Rodos (5.30), Greater
London Leopards v Milton Keyner, Lons (at
Brentwood, 4.0); London Towers v Traines
Valley Tigars (5.0).
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Hunslet Tries: Iwin, Walker, Goele: Fletcher 3 Holl KR: Tries: Gene, Kitching, Rouse, Taeva, Goele: Charles 5. Att 2.054.
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PARIS: World Cup qualifier: 1, PS Prismos (L. Beerbaum, Ger) 0 panalities in 37 (18sec) 2, Cabern (W. Meligur, Sariz) 0 th 40.83; 3, Balestine du Mesmi (K. Caumort, Fr) 0 in 40.90. World Cup mantings in Westurn European Lenguer, 1, B. Marcili (Sattz) 66; 2, W. Meliger (Sariz) 60; 3, J. Tors (Holl 50, British pledings; 5, J. Whitaler 44; 6; M. Withaler 43; 11, G. Bilington 34; 15, J. Fishes 27; Grand Prix Rober, 1, Gandrid Balcubet du Rouet (R. Pesstoa, Br) 0 in 30.27; 2, Atout d'higny (E. Naver, Fr) 0 in 32.63; 3, Diemond Citr (J. Whitaler, Ge) 22,71, Dreseauge World Cup qualifier; 1, Gestion Olympic Pertout A; van Grunsven, Holl, Imin 18,82sec; 2, Scauersen W. (J. Writts, Ger) 1:15,72; 3, Nassan Glorpio S I. Wastin, Ger) 1:15,72; 3, Nassan Glorpio S I. Wastin, Ger) 1:15,72; 3, Nassan Glorpio S I. Wastin, Ger) 1:15,72; 3, Nassan Glorpio S I. 12,16; 6, Quinote Priboy 3 (M. Ahmay, Fr) 1:00.11 Dreseauge World Cup randings: 1,1 Warm (Ger) 83; 2,1 Writts (Ger) 64; 3,1 Bartes; (Holl) 54; 4, A. Smorrè-de Ridder (Ger) 51; 5, R. Dawson (GE) 45.

70. B Lee 5-53); New South Wates 308-9 dec, Match drawn. Adeletide: Queenstand 239 and 449-5 dec (J P Maher 208 not out); South Australia 345 and 254-9 (D S Lah-mann 78 not out, D A Progrand 57). Match drawn Weibbourne: Victoria 263 and 275-6 dec, Western Australia 258 and 257-6 (R M Beller 88, S M Kasich 73). Match drawn

Road races

PARIS-NICE RACE: Seventh stage (Saturon to Valberg, 199,7km): 1, F. Venderbrouche (Bel) Ser 10min Seet; 2, R. Venderbrouche (Bel) Ser 10min Seet; 3, R. Venderbrouche (Bel) Str. Son Service (Bel) 4. British placing; 75, C. Boerbryen (Bel) 4. British placing; 75, C. Boerbryen (Bel) 4. British placing; 75, C. Boerbryen (Bel) 4. British stage; 1, T. Seet; (Bel) 4hr 6mm 41sec; 2, H. Monncher (Ausha), 3, G. Nagousson (Swe); 4, J. Plandisent (Bel); 5, S. O. Grady (Aus.) ett same tima. Leading filmit overall positions; 1, M. Booger (Hol); 30m 4min 13sec; 2, M. Zheng (Swe); at 57sec; 3, S. Bolson (Col) Immi 38sec; 4, Vanderbrouche 2: 10.
MERSEY HG. TWO-DAY (Hope, North Wales, 119 miles); 1, G. Sheppard (Cardiff, M.); 4hr 37min Beec; C. C. Anslay (NC Voodoo) at 1sec; 3, M. Lovatt unstached 1:03.
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HGH WYCOMBE CC (Great Milton, Ortordehin, 61 miles); 1, K. Freeman (High Wycombe CC) 225:00; 2, R. Easthern (Bournemouth Jubies Wheelers); 3, D. Crow (Twickenham C) both at same time.

Time trials

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CC BRECKIAND FOUR-UP TEAM (Alundbord, Norlok, 50km): 1, Cambridge 1-10:01;
2, Anglis Velo 1-10:17, 3, Godin: 1, 12:51.

NOVA CC TWO-UP (Gessaorth, Cheshue,
25 miles): 1, B Elliott and R Wienni Allsockefield Wheelers) 57:08; 2, S Feeney and P
Towers (Leich Premer) 57:24; 3, 1, Constand
and D Hitchen (New Blighton CC) 57:44,
BURTON AND DISTRICT CA TWO-UP
(Caffydam, Leloestsathra, 25 miles): 1, N
Pearl (Walsell RCC) and D Walests (Birchreld CC) 55:44, 2, A Long and C Thompson
(Coshille Wheelers) 57:00; 3, S King and A
Swain (Malton Olympic) 58:34.

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## Cross-examination without evidence

Regina v Bingham Regina v Cooke

Before Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Steyn, Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord Hobbouse of Woodhorough and Lord Millett [Speeches March II]

A defendant who had been called by the court to give evidence and sworn, but asked no questions by his own counsel, was liable to cross-examination by the prosecu-tion and had not failed to give evidence under the Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order (SI

The House of Lords dismissed appeals by Graham Carlo Bingham and Samuel David Cooke from the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland (Lord Justice MacDer most and Mr Justice Campbell) who on April 25, 1977 had dis missed their appeals against their convictions of murder by Mr Justice Higgins sitting without a jury at Beliast Crown Court on Decem-

Article 4 of the 1988 Order provides: "(2) Before any evidence is called for the defence, the court - (a) shall tell the accused that he will be called upon by the court to give evidence in his own defence.

(3) If the accused - (a) after being called upon by the court to give evidence in pursuance of this artide ... refuses to be sworn; or (b) having been sworn, without good tion, paragraph (4) applies. "(4) The court or jury, in deter-

mining whether the accused is guilty of the offence charged, may -(a) draw such inferences from the refusal as appear proper..."

Mr Charles Adair, QC and Mr Ireland Bar, for Bingham: Mr.

F. Larkin, both of the Northern Ireland Bar, for Cooke: Mr R. Appleton, QC, Mr G, Kerr, QC and Mr R. K. Weir, all of the Northern Ireland Bar, for the Crown.

LORD LLOYD said that the appellants had been convicted of the murder of Ann Marie Smyth, a young Catholic woman from Armagh, on February 23, 1994 in Cauke's house in Belfast. The motive had been sectarian.

The judge had been satisfied on the prosecution evidence that both appellants were guilty of murder. So he had had no need to draw any adverse inference under article 4 and had not done so. But he had held that he would have done so if necessary. The Court of Appeal

Counsel for the appellants could not, as they had conceded, argue rely on an adverse inference, for the simple reason that he had not done so. Instead, they submitted that the appellants had not had a

The only basis for that submission was that the appellants had been denied the opportunity of being cross-examined by the prosecution. Such an argument had an air

At the end of the prosecution counsel for each appellant had informed the judge that he judge had called the appellant to come to the wimess box to be sworn and to give evidence in his own defence. The appellant had entered the witness box and been

Cornel had then submitted that the appellant was now the court's witness and that, while at common law a witness called by the court could be examined and cross-examined with the leave of the court, there was no express power to allow examination and cross-examination in the case of a witness called by the court under article 4 and such a power should not be inferred.

The judge had ruled that a defendant called on to give evidence under article 4 did not become the witness of the court and that a de fendant who had been sworn in those circumstances and who was not then asked any question by his own counsel could not be cross-examined by the prosecution. Counsel had then said that he had no questions for the appellant.

Counsel had not gone so far as to suggest that the appellants had had a legal right to be cross-examined, but they had argued (i) that an inference could have been drawn against the appellants without their having refused to answer any questions in cross-examination and (ii) that they had been de nied the opportunity of refuring the allegations against them in cross-

Since the judge had been saris fied beyond reasonable doubt of the appellants' guilt without the need to draw any inference, the question whether he had been entitled to do so did not arise.

As to (ii), putting on one side the fact that counsel had initially argued that the prosecution had no right to cross-examine, the remedy had lain in the appellants' ow hands.

If they had wanted the opportunity of refuting the allegations against them in cross-examination, all they had had to do was to give evidence in chief. Thus the submission that they had not had a fair trial was utterly without merit.

The Court of Appeal had justly

gem to evade the provisions of article 4. His Lordship could well understand why the judge had refused to permit cross-examination and why the Court of Appeal had upheld his ruling. No doubt they had been leaning over backwards to be fair to the appellants, but they

had been wrong. Once the appellants had entered the witness box and been sworn, al-beit in the belief that they had been called by the court and not by the defence, they had exposed themselves to cross-examination by the prosecution and their co-accused like any other witness who was tendered for cross-examination.

LORD HOPE, agreeing, said that article 4 had been amended by paragraph 61(3) of Schedule 10 to the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, applicable to England and Wales, so as to be in the same terms in all essential respects as section 35 of that Act. Those amendments had, however, not been in force at the date of trial.

There had been no risk of the apellants being faulted on the condition in article 4(3)(b) of the 1988 Order of refusal to answer questions so long as the matter as to whether they should be questioned had been in the hands of their own

The assumption that their counsel had made had been that, so long as they did not put any questions to the appellants, the appel-lants could not be questioned by anyone else except the judge, whose scope for putting questions would be so restricted by the rules of fairness that it could be assumed that

none would be put.

If that assumption was right, it could not be said that the appellants had failed to answer any question that was put to them and there would be no basis for drawing any

inferences. The judge had plainly been doing his best to find a sensi-ble answer to what might well have been thought to be an abuse of the procedure in article 4, but he had been wrong on both points.

In the first place, it could not be said that the appellants had failed to give evidence until they had been given the opportunity to answer any questions that might be put to them.

In the second place, there was no rule that prevented a witness who had been sworn but not asked any questions by counsel for the party on whose behalf he had en-tered the witness box from being questioned by or on behalf of other parties to the trial who could demonstrate a legitimate interest in do-

Support for those propositions could be found in R v Paul (1920) 2 KB 183, 185) and Dickson, A Treatise on the Law of Evidence in Scot-land (3rd edition (1887) paragraph 165) citing Her Majesty's Advocate v Milne ((1866) 5 Irv 229).

The decision of the trial judge in Milne had never been questioned. and the passage in Dickson continued to form the basis on which these matters were handled in prac-

tice in the Scottish courts.

Although Milne came from another jurisdiction, it lent further support to the view that, once the ints had been sworn, Crown counsel had been entitled to cross examine them despite the fact that no questions had been put to them by their own counsel

Lord Steyn, Lord Hobbouse and Lord Millett agreed with Lord Lloyd and Lord Hope.

Solicitors: Donnelly & Wall, Belfast; B. M. Birnberg & Co for John J. Rice & Co., Newtownards; Direc-

action on the combined causes of action of its members. Such an ac-

tion would not be based on a cause

of action vested in the association it-

His Lordship agreed with the sentiment the Vice-Chancellor had

messed that it would be conven-

ient if a trade association were per-

mitted to sue in a representative ca-pacity on behalf of its members.

## Benefit of adoption to child In re B (A minor) (Adoption

order: Nationality) Before Lord Nichoils of Birken-

head, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord Hutton and Lord Millett Speeches March 111

On an application for an adoption order the first consideration for the court was the benefit which would actrue to the child throughout its childhood, including, in the case of a non-British child, the benefits to the child throughout its childhood from the acquisition of British nationality and right of abode in the United Kingdom.

However, the court would be entitled to refuse the order if there were no such benefits and adoption was being used solely as a means of conferring citizenship rospectively upon an adult.

The House of Lords so held when allowing an appeal by grand-parents against a decision of the Court of Appeal (Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Morritt and Sir Patrick Russell) (The Times March 16, 1998) allow ing an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department from a decision of Mr Justice Sumner on November 6, 1997 whereby he made an adoption order pursu-ant to section 6 of the Adoption Act 1976 in respect of B, a minor, in fayour of her grandparents.

Mr Michael Harrison, QC and Mr David Jones for B and her grandparents: Mr Ashley Underood for the Home Secretary.

LORD HOFFMANN said that: when Mr and Mrs J emigrated to the United Kingdom from Jamaica nearly 40 years ago they left be-hind Mrs J's daughter who subse-quently married and had a daughter B. now nearly 18.

in April 1995 B, then 14, came with her mother to visit her grandparents in Leeds and they were given leave to enter the UK for six months. At the end of that period her mother returned home but B remained with her grandparents who applied for an extension of her B had been put into school in

Leeds. Her mother and grandparents wanted her to finish her education there and she was thought to have good prospects of going to uni-versity. The Home Office refused the application for an extension. and her mother was living in de-prived circumstances in Jamaica.

A law centre advised Mr and Mrs J. who were British citizens, that the only way B could become entitled to stay in the UK was for them to adopt her as their own

She would then become a British citizen by virtue of section 1(5) of the British Nationality Act 1981 and by virtue of section 2(1)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 would have right of abode in the UK. The Home Secretary intervened to oppose Mr and Mrs J's application for an adoption order. As grandparents, Mr and Mrs J were qualified to adopt B.

By section 11 of the Adoption Act 1976, a relative, defined in section 72(1) to include a grandparent, was entitled to make arrangements for the adoption of a child without the intervention of an adoption agen-

B's mother gave her consent so the condition of parental agree ment in section 16 was satisfied. Nevertheless the adoption had some unsual features.

B had only two years of minority left. And although there were obvi-ous benefits to her from being able to spend those two important years living with her grandparents and going to school in Leeds, it would not ordinarily be necessary for her to be adonted

Were it not for her precarious immigration status, she could simply have stayed with her grandpa ents. But the acquisition of British citizenship by adoption was an es-sential element in securing her the advantage of living with her grandparents and continuing at her

In deciding whether to make an adoption order the judge was re-quired to exercise his discretion in accordance with section 6 of the 1976 Act to "have regard to all the circumstances, first consideration being given to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his child-

The judge made the adoption but the Court of Appeal discharged

the Home Secretary, and accepted by the Court of Appeal, was: The court should ignore benefits which would result solely from [a] change in immigration status when deter-mining whether the child's welfare calls for adoption."
In his Lordship's opinion that

was contrary to the express terms of section 6 of the 1976 Act and not supported by authority. His Lordship could not see how, consistent ly with the language of section 6. the court could not simply have ig-nored the considerable benefits which would have accrued to B during the remainder of her childhood. That the order would enable her to enjoy those benefits was a fact which the court had to take into account.

No doubt the views of the Horne Office on immigration policy were also a view which the court was entitled to take into account although it was not easy to see what weight they could be given.

Parliament had not provided, as it might have done, that the adop tion of a non-British child required the Home Secretary's consent. On the contrary, it had provided that the making of an adoption order automatically took the child out of the reach of the Home Secretary's powers of immigration control.

If it appeared to the judge that adoption would confer real benefits upon the child, it was very onlikely that general considerations of maintaining an effective and consistent immigration policy could justify the refusal of an order The cases relied upon to the

Home Secretary did not go nearly far enough to support the exclusionary rule advanced, but they justified two more modest propositions. First, the purpose of an adoption was to give purental responsibility for a child to the adopters so that the court would not make an adoption order when the adopters did not intend to exercise any puremain responsibility but merely wished to assist the child to acquire a right of abode; an "accommodation adop-tion" as described in In re A (An in-

fant) ([1963] 1 WLR 231, 236). fant) (1963) Web 201. 201. Second, the court would carely make an adoption order when it would confer no benefits upon the child during its childhood but give it a right of abode for the rest of its

In such a case there were no welfare benefits during childhood to constitute the first consideration. and the court was in effect being asked to use adoption to conter citi-

zenship prospectively upon an That was a power which Parliament had entrusted to the Home Secretary and the courts were reluctant to trespass upon the area of

his authority.

A striking case in that category was In re K [A minor] [Adoption order: Nationality] [1995] Fam. 30, where the application for adoption came before the judge eight days before the child's eighteenth birth-

If a right of abode would be of benefit only when the child became an adult, that benefit would ordinarily have to give way to the public policy of not usurping the Home

Secretary's discretion. It was a curious feature of this case that if the Home Office had been willing to allow B to remain in this country for the two years during which a residence order was in force, the case for an adoption would have been much weaker. It would not have given B any benefits during her childhood which she would not have been

able to enjoy anyway.

But on the evidence before the judge the adoption order conferred antial welfare benefits upon B during the remainder of her childhood and to those the judge rightly gave first consideration.

Lord Nicholls, Lord Hope, Lord Hutton and Lord Millett agreed. Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn for Chivers Walsh Smith and In ine & Co. Bradford; Treasury Solicitor.

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THE SEATIMES

## Trade association cannot sue over passing-off

Chocosuisse Union des Fabricants Suisses de Chocolat and Others v Cadbury Ltd Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill. Brooke and Lord Justice Chadwick Dudement February 251

A trade association for Swissbased chocolate manufacturers. iority of such manufacturers, and which was formed to protect the denomination of the origin "Swiss" but did not itself sell any chocolate. had no individual locus standi to sue in a passing off action against Swiss chocolate in the United Kingdom since no legitimate business nterest could be identified which the association was entitled to have

tecordingly since, under Order 15. rule 12(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, a plaintiff could only sue in a representative capacity where it had the same interest as those it sought to represent, the association had no locus standi to sue in a representative capacity on be-

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the defendant. Cadbury Ltd. from Mr Justice Laddie (The Times Novemin an action brought by the plain tiffs, Chocosuisse Union des Fabricants Suisses de Chocolat, Kraft Jacobs Suchard (Schweiz) AG and Chocoladefabriken Lindi und Sprangh (Schweiz) AG, sumg on behalf of themselves and all other persons who manufactured choose late in Switzerland and exported such chocolate to the United Kingdom, had in granted injunctive rehel restraining Cadbury from passing off chocolate, not being Swiss Swiss Chalef and ful ordered an inquiry as to damages, varied by the Court of Appeal finning it to Su-cland and Lindt

Mr Michael Bloch, QC, for Cadbury. Mr Simon Thorley, QC and Mr Colio Birss for the plaintiffs TORD JUSTICE CHADWICK. having care algred and rejected the on passing off, said, on the ques-tion of locus standi, that the ability of Suchard and Lindt to sue in a representative capacity was not in

With regard to Chocosuisse, it was not suggested that it was itself selling any chocolate at all but it was accepted before the judge that it could bring proceedings on its own behalf in passing off to pre-vent the reduction of its membership which might be caused if the designation Swiss chocolate became unprotectable in England: but that it could not sue in a representative capacity. That was said to follow from Consorzio del Prosciut-to di Parma v Marks & Spencer

plc ([1991] RPC 351).
The plaintiffs challenged that finding and Cadbury challenged the judge's finding that Chocosuisse had standing to sue on its own behalf so as to prevent the reduc-

tion of its membership. The grounds of Cadbury's contention were that Chococuisse neither alleged nor adduced any evidence, or any sufficient evidence, to in the jurisdiction of the English court or that it had any actual or potential members within that furisdiction or that it had suffered or was likely to suffer any damage by

Microsoft Corporation v

Backslash Distribution Ltd

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erali Regulations (SI 1989 No 33%)

was authorised by section 3455 of

Mr Justice Park so held in the

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Before Mr Justice Parl

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the Legal Aid Act 1988

Chancery Division, when nt ordering each of the third de-lendant, Lin Richard Tuppen, and number of any actual or potential

members. By Order 15, rule (2(i) a representative plaintiff was required to have the same interest in the proceedings as the person he purported to represent. There were accordingly two questions:

I Did the plaintiff have any interest

entitling him to bring proceedings? 2 If so, was it the same interest as of those he sought to represent? In Scotch Whisky Association v

J. D. Vintners Ltd (unreported. March 6, 1996), an action was brought by the Whisky Association and two individual plaintiffs carry-ing on business as distillers. It was accepted, and recorded by Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, in his judgment as rightly accented, that the trade association did not have a cause of action in passing off in its own right.

The Vice-Chancellor could not see on what basis a trade association could maintain a passing off action hased on conduct which constituted a passing off by the defendant of its products for those of the members of the trade a In Parma, however, it had been accepted before Mr Justice Morritt and in the Court of Appeal that the trade association did have locus

Costs regulations validly made

the fourth defendant, Subhash

Singh, to pay costs incurred by the

plaintiff. Microsoft Corporation, in committal proceedings for con-

tempt of court by those defendants

(ii) ordering postponement of payment by the third defendant of

costs incurred while his legal aid

certificate was in force until his lia-

bility should have been deter-

mined by the court pursuant to sec-

Microsofi: Mr. Alastair Wilson, QC, for Mr. Juppen: Mr. Richard

Mr Alistair McGregor, QC for

on an indemnity basis and

tion 17 of the 1988 Act.

Lord Justice Nourse had said (at p367): "The defendants had accepted that the consortium was a body corporate duly established under the law of Italy and the judge held that it was entitled, under the Eng-

in dispute." His Lordship preferred the Vice-Chancelor's reasoning and was unable to identify any legitimate business interest which the trade association Chocosuisse was enti-tled to have protected in a passing off action against a trader seeking to sell goods in the United Kingdom in a way that suggested that

lish rules of conflict to sue on its

own behalf. That entitlement is not

they were Swiss chocolate. If there was no individual right, Order 15, rule 12(1) was of no assist-

Even if there was an individual right, plainly it was not the same right as that of the Swiss chocolate manufacturers whom Chocosuisse sought to represent. That was the view taken by Mr Justice Morritt in Parma and affirmed by the Court of Appeal.

His Lordship referred to the opview taken on that point by the Vice-Chancellor in the Scotch Whisky case: "The trade association, if it sues in a representative capacity,

MR JUSTICE PARK said that al-

though Order 62, rule 7(4) of the Rules of the Supreme Court provid-

ed that "in awarding costs to any

person the court may order that, in-

stead of his taxed costs, that person

shall be entitled - (a) to a propor-

tion ... of those costs from or up to a

stage in the proceedings so speci-

fied: or (b) to a gross sum ... in lieu

of those costs", the court could not

order payment to a successful par-

ty of a gross sum in lieu of part

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines;

Payne Marsh Stillwell, Southamp-

only of such taxed costs.

#### However, it was impossible to reach the conclusion that that was permitted on the language of Or-der 15, rule 12(1) where, as would usually be the case, the trade association either had no interest capable of founding a cause of action or had an interest which was not the

same as that of its members.

ceedings whether in its own right or as a representative. Lord Justice Brooke delivered a concurring judgment and the Lord Chief Justice agreed with both. Solicitors: Willoughby & Part-

Chocosuisse, accordingly, had

no locus to sue in the present pro-

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### Scots Law Report March 15 1999 Outer House Applying boundary criteria correctly

Shetland Islands Council v Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Orkney Islands Council v

Same Before Ford MacLean

[halgment Gunary [4] Where local concriment boundary is the Europita also morsonner standery review of electoral ar nancements, the primary criterion to be applied was what was in their opmon destrable in the interests of effective and convenient local goverument, in the sense of serviceable and suitable focal government.

The commission could be taken to have applied the emerion correceived, notwithstanding a failure to refer thereto in their reports to the Secretary of State for Scotland. from an examination of the substance of the reports, supported in their working papers, it could be seen that they were addressing the central que non directly

Lard Maclean so held in the Cuter House of the Court of Sevsion when dismissing petitions by Shedand and Orlany Islands Councils for judicial review of recommendations made by the Local Concernment Boundary Commis-

Mr Manheu Clarke Qu and Mr James Wolfle for the petitioners, Mr James Drummond Young. QC and Mr Robert McCreadic for the respondents.

LORD MacLEAN said that the commission had carried out a statutory review of electoral arrangements in terms of section 16(2) of, and Schedule 5 to the Local Canemment (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended by the Local Government (Sent-land) Act 1994

The commission had set out in their reports to the secretary of state how they were always the falfilment of their obligations in fela-tion to each of the pelificials. Howto it was instructive to look at documentary products inwhere necessary, and not simply to the lext of the reports as the petinoners had aread

The statutory datas which the som were required to perform had been dealt with in Cay of Abendeen Council v Long, Concent-ment, Boundary, Controlsson, for Scotland (Pels SLI of 3).

The commission, when carrying out a review, might make proposals notice secretary of state for effectthe changes which appeared to them desirable in the interests of elbetweend onvenion local government and they mucht make those changes in any or a number of ways which were enumerated in section 13 of the 1973 Act

It was clear from that section that the commission might decide that no changes need be made, it was also clear that it the commission did make proposals for changes they had discretion in determining what was in the interests of eflective and convenient betti covern-

Mach of the debate in the present case said turned on what was meant by the words reflective and convenient beat government According to the peutlemers, for cui government was effective it it worked well in the delivery of services and the performing of fanctions conferred by statute, it was convenient in delivered those services and performed those functions without undue in able and elient. the respondents maintained

that the parase means serviceable

and saitable local government. The central question was whether the commission gave full effect to it this pelong their review If the commission wished to

make proposals for effecting change in way of electoral arrange ments, their primary task was to consider what was desirable in the interests of effective and convensent local government in terms of the overall number of councillors in relatant to a local government ward, the number and boundaries of the electoral wards, etc and the designation of any electoral ward.

The correct application of the statisticity provisions in a case where the commission wished to make proposals for effecting changes was well understood. The comappropriate number of equiciliers required for effective and convenient beid government. Then it was their duty to comply so far as was may nation additional distribution and the rules set out in Schedule o to the 1973 Act and scarre, as nearly asnivers he electoral equality; see Enfield London Borough v Local Govemment Boundary Commission

for England (1979] 3 All ER 747.1 The so-called parity rule might yield to special geographical con-siderations. If it did, then it might be that, in the interests of effective and convenient local covernment. the proposed number of councillors and electoral wards would

have to be increased. His Lordship considered that in sering a ratio of councillors to electors for the Islands Councils at 1:750 the commission had taken accaunt of the special geographical and demographic features of those local government areas in proposing a particular number of councilions for each area. They had gone on to consider in considerable de-tail the question of local ties and special geographical considera-It was periodly correct to say that, having set provisional figures for the number of councillors and

electoral wards, they had not been

persuaded to change their minds. But his Lordship was wholly unable to say that they had their minds closed to the possibility that those numbers might be changed. The difficulty throughout had been the failure by the commission in the reports to set out the statuto-ry enterion for their making proposals for changes which was:

What in their opinion was desira-

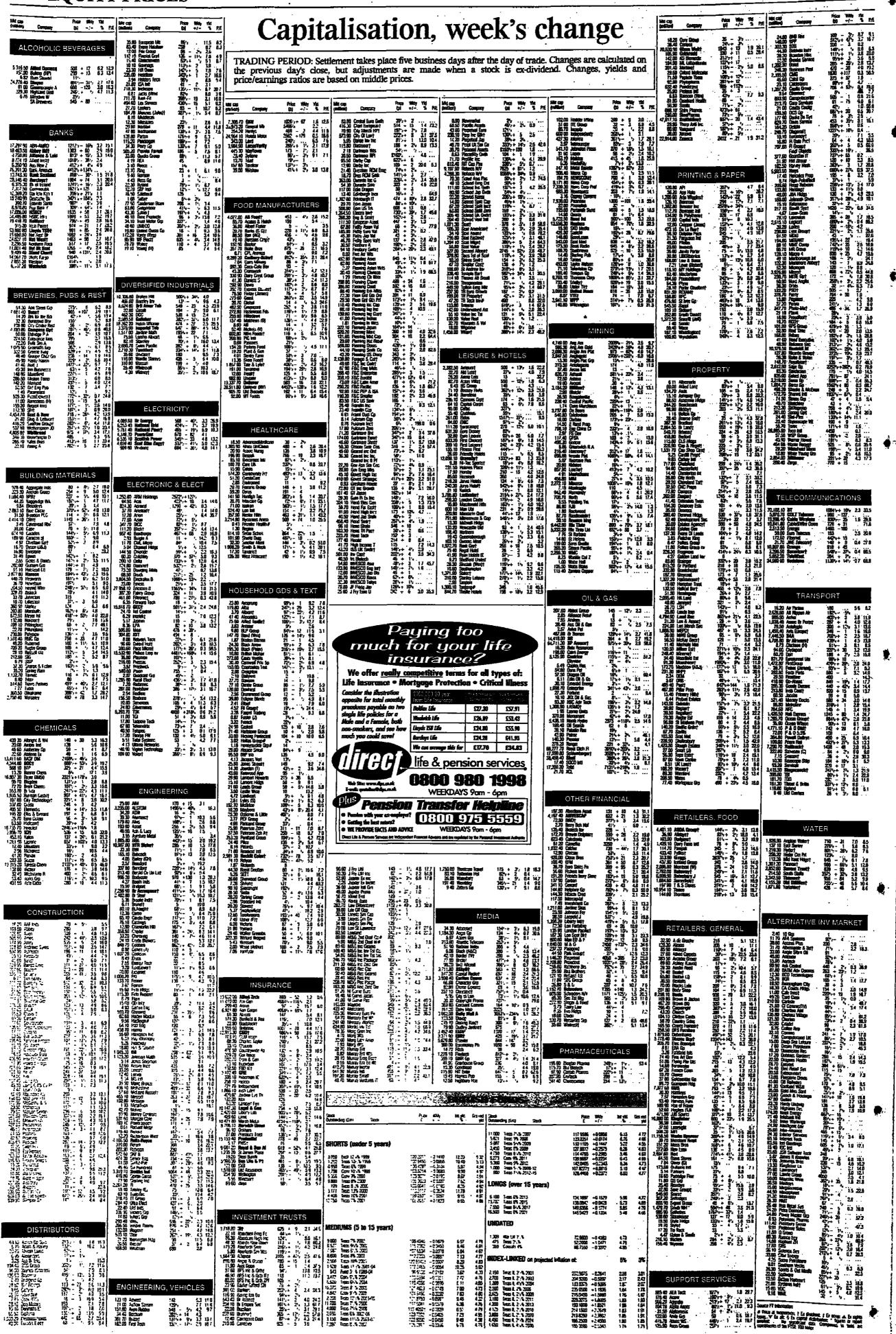
convenient local government. They had been clearly advised of that in the Ahendeen case where Lord Penrose referred to the sole question the commission were required to ask: What was the number of counciliors required for the effective and convenient administration of local government in the local authority areas under review? That they had not had pro-

vided substantial material for the petitioners to exploit. The commission had been concerned with electoral equality but not to the exclusion of the particular features of the local government areas.

In the end, his Lordship had reached the conclusion that the point taken about the terms of the reports had been a failure in expression, not an omission to consider the appropriate statutory criteri-Law agents: Simpson & Mar-

wick, WS. Solicitor to the Secretary

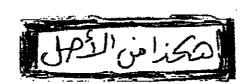
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#### RESULTS AND STATISTICS

#### **TODAY**

Interims: Benchmark Group, Ennstone, Jourdan, Superscape VR. Finals; ASW Holdings, Bovis Homes, Burford Holdings. Ennstone, Eurotunnel, Fairey Group, Glambia, HSBC China Fund, Infobank International Höldings, Laporte, Linden, National Building Materials, NSB Retail Systems, Ruberoid, Sharpe & Fisher, Spirax-Sarco Engineering, Ugland International Holdings, Wellington holdings. Economic statistics: none scheduled.

#### TOMORROW

tuterims: Cortecs, Kindersley, Wolseley. Dorling Bodycote International, Brammer, Capital Corporation, Charter, Coca-Cola Beverages, Computacenter, Derwent Valley Holdings, Energis, Financial Objects. James Finlay, Headlam Group, Metalrax Group, Newey Group. Novartis, Secure Trust Banking Group, Simon Group, Tarmac, Tudor, Telewest Communications, Arthur Wood & Son. Economic statistics: February public sector

#### WEDNESDAY

Interims: Regent Inns, Sirdar, Smiths Industries. Finals: Birmingham Midshires, Brixton Estate, Clydeport, Devro, DCS Group, Gibbs & Dandy, Hepworth, Intercare Group, Kier Group, Kingfisher. Oriflame. Xaar. Economic statistics: minutes of Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee's March meeting, February labour market report.

#### THURSDAY

Choco-interims: Town Centre Securicants ies. Finals: British Borneo O&G, and OBritish Mohair, Churchill China, Before Cobham, Dialog Corp, Dunedin Lord (inc Growth Investment Trust, Brook: Geest, Hanover International, [Judgn Kwik-Fit Holdings, John Laing, Al-A tr fred McAlpine, MDIS, Mithras Inbasec vestment, William Morrison, Nawhos tional Express, Oxford Molecular, jority FW Thorpe. Economic statistics: which February retail sales, February provisional M4 and M4 lending British Bankers' Association Febsue ir. ruary bank lending, Building Socia trad eties Association February build-Swiss ing society lending, February final dom s MO, February car output.

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## Kingfisher soars ahead of rivals

due out on Wednesday will be published simultaneously in London and Paris for the first time, marking the group's growing status as a pan-European retailer. Profits should show a healthy increase with the market looking for between £555 million and £565

million at the pre-tax level compared with £505.5 million last time. Earnings should be up from 27.7p to between 28.5p and 29p. The upbeat trading statement in January means that the results

are unlikely to contain any nasty shocks. Despite the tough trading backdrop for retailers, Kingfisher experienced a reasonable performance over Christmas. Brokers say they are looking for a 5 per cent rise in like-for-like sales, an achievement that many retailers would have liked to emulate.

A strong performance is expected from Darty, its French divi-sion, with Woolworths and B&Q also performing strongly. The likely to come from Comet. The payout should grow Ip to 12.5p.

SMITHS INDUSTRIES: Brokers are looking for interim pretax profits of between £97 million and £100 million when the engineering and aerospace group announces interim results on Wednesday. That would compare with £89.3 million for the corresponding period last year.

Aerospace now accounts for more than half of operating profits, but brokers say the group is considering refocusing its strategy, which would result in a large acquisition in aerospace and the sale of its industrial division to leave it focused on its aerospace and medical activities.

They say that it has already run a slide rule over LucasVarity's aerospace unit with a price tag of about £750 million and parts of British Aerospace's newly acquired Marconi defence division.

Smiths's industrial operations are reckoned to be worth about £700 million. The group has already admitted that is actively looking at a number of "sizeable deals" and has targeted potential candidates in North America.

Brokers will be looking for a strong sales performance in aerospace which should boost operating profits by about 30 per cent. A strong defence order book, and incremental sales to Airbus. should also have offset any im-



pact from the decline in Boeing production rates.

On the medical side, operating profits are expected to be flat and there will be little contribution from newly acquired BCI. Industrial may see signs of a slowdown in European markets, although the North American market is expected to have remained buoyant.

The engineering team at SG Securities has pencilled in pretax profits of £98 million. The payout should be about 7.4p compared with 6.75p last time.

TELEWEST: Final results tomorrow will doubtless provide further heavy losses for the blue chip cable provider. The deficit at the pre-tax level is expected to be in a range of £290 million to £325

million compared with £310 million a year earlier. Turnover, on the other hand, is set to rise more than 40 per cent to between £540 million and E560 million com-pared with £387 million a year earlier. Earnings before interest. tax, depreciation and amortisation are forecast to almost treble to between £140 million and £150

million from £53 million. The results will include a fourmonth contribution from General Cable and Birmingham Cable acquired in the second half of last year. Attention will focus on the crucial measures of penetration and churn for Telewest's television and telephony services.

The group's fourth-quarter operating statistics released in February showed cable television pen-

etration up 1.9 percentage points to 23.8 per cent at the 1998 year end and residential telephony penetration up 1.7 points to 30.5 per cent across the combined Tele-west/General Cable franchises.

The crucial issue for the industry is the launch of digital cable services which is expected in the last quarter of the year. Digital cable is seen by supporters of the cable sector as the key development that will allow the industry to leverage the high bandwidth available over its networks.

EUROTUNNEL: A first-time profit is forecast when final results are announced today. BT Alex Brown, the broker, is looking for a one-off surplus of £60 million at the pre-tax level com-

pared with a corresponding loss of £611 million. But BTAB empha-sises that this is the result of a one-off add-back of £270 million interest accrued during the restructuring. The group is expect-

ed to plunge back into the red during 1999 and beyond. Volumes were helped in 1998 by the recovery in business after the Channel Tunnel fire, which restricted business the previous year. It was also helped by strong underlying demand and the fallout from the merger of rivals P&O and Stena.

LAPORTE: The chemical group's shares have been driven higher ahead of today's final re-sults by speculative buying. The figures themselves are unlikely to impress, but the group continues to be tipped as a takeover target after a period of consolidation within the chemical sector.

Goldman Sachs is forecasting pre-tax profits virtually unchanged at £132 million with earnings per share declining from 49.5p to 48.7p. Despite the acquisition of Inspec in August, Laporte will have found the going difficult. A trading update in December indicated that continuing business during the second ilf was comparable with 1997. Sales volumes had continued to grow and margins had been maintained despite the poor performance of the electronics division. Speciality organics will have enjoyed a reasonable performance along with formulated products. But pigments and additives will have been flat.

The payout should be up from 25.75p to 26.45p.

CHARTER: A downturn in profits and a maintained dividend is about the best that shareholders can expect when the group un-veils final results tomorrow. Pretax profits are likely to come in at £82.5 million, down from £94.1 million last time, with earnings

per share down from 61p to 55p. Last year was a tough one for manufacturers and 1999 shows further signs of deterioration with margins coming under pressure. Both welding and specialist engineering will have experienced a further decline. Brokers are worried that profits from the welding division could be sharply lower be cause of the scale of operational gearing in the industry. The payout should be held at 31.5p.

#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

## Key time for rates

IT IS a make-or-break week as far as the im mediate outlook for UK interest rates is collcerned with a raft of important economic data due to be published plus the minutes of the last Monetary Policy Committee meeting.
On Wednesday the labour market data

will provide a second look at the newly restored average earnings data, with analysts hoping for a rapid decline in the pace of wage growth. The December rolling average is expected to show wage growth at 4,3 per cent compared with 4.5 per cent in November. The predicted rise in unemployment has not yet arrived, but the City expects the downward momentum to have finally ended with the claimant count measure of unemployment remaining unchanged in February.

The retail sales data on Thursday will provide evidence of whether the slight improvement in sales has continued into February. Early evidence has suggested that, while sales were slow in February, they were not a disaster. Analysts expect a 0.5 per cent decline in the monthly measure of sales volumes but the annual rate will climb from 1.2 per cent to 1.6 per cent as the overall performance comes in ahead of the same month last year. On Tuesday the February public sector net

cash requirement figures are published. Although the Treasury marginally upgraded its forecast of a full-year surplus to £5.3 billion. analysts still believe that Gordon Brown may have been a little too conservative in his calculations. End-of-year departmental spending binges make the exact figure difficult to predict but the City expects a surplus of about £2.5 billion ahead of £2.25 billion in the same month last year. On Wednesday the Debt Management Office is due to publish its estimates of funding requirements. It has indicated that it will sell about £17.3 billion worth of gilts, although net new sales are expected to total about £2.5 billion, which analysts regard as a comfortable level.

In the US the main focus will be the consumer prices data on Thursday and the industrial production figures on Tuesday as analysts assess whether a rate rise remains a real possibility. Industrial production is forecast to rise a respectable 0.3 per cent compared with a flat figure the previous month. The annual rate of consumer price inflation is expected to rise marginally to 1.7 per cent.

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#### SUNDAY TIPS

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Group, Saltire. Sunday Express: Buy Polypipe, Geest. WSP, Granada. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Abbey Nation-

al, Corporate Services, Fibernet. Water-

hall Group.

## **Expansion plans** omit Heathrow

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is ready to surrender Heathrow's status as the world's busiest international airport in favour of expanding airports elsewhere. With Frankfurt airport forecast to take over the top posi-tion, held by Heathrow for more than 20 years, ministers 10 are preparing a marked M change of strategy to reduce dependence on Britain's premier airport. Aviation officials have been instructed to abandon the "chase the supremacy" strategy to prepare plans for expanding other airports near London

> As a result, officials have been told to make no assumption that Heathrow will win approval for Terminal Five. which would increase the airport's capacity from 60 million passengers to more than 80 mil-lion. Frankfurt is expected to overtake Heathrow by about 2005. The German airport will then become the world's big-gest international airport, although trailing behind several US airports which have heavy domestic traffic.

and throughout Britain.

The Government's attempts to scale down future growth at Heathrow comes at a critical time for the airport. A decision on whether to build a new ter-



minal will not be made for at least two years, after the completion on Wednesday of Britain's longest public inquiry, which has lasted almost four years. By the time that the inquiry inspector, Roy Vandermeer, publishes his report in 2001, ministers will have prepared their own detailed blueprint for using alternatives to Heathrow. A senior Whitehall official said: "We can't just sit and wait for a decision on Terminal Five, and we have to

look seriously at the way we use other airports and, indeed, whether Heathrow is being used as efficiently as possible. Among alternatives that

ministers will explore during their two-year study of airports in the South East of England is the extension of the Eurostar train services to Heathrow, serving Paris and Brussels. The move, already being examined by Eurostar's operators, would potentially remove thousands of flights from Heathrow's congested timetable. Flights between Heathrow and the two cities comprise about 10 per cent of the 440,000 flights a year.

John Reid, the Transport Minister, also wants better rail links between Heathrow and nearby airports - Gatwick, Lu-ton and Stanstead - to enable them to take on some of the 20 million passengers who use Heathrow only to change planes. "We must face up to the facts that we are a small country with a huge demand for air transport. We have to ask whether we can continue to be a modern-day staging post for the whole world. It is no good being the biggest if delays means we are no longer the best," said the

Whitehall official.

### Market too tough on hotels sector

By DOMINIC WALSH

BRITAIN's hotels have been unjustifiably savaged by the stock market, according to a report by London Economics, to be published tomorrow:

The report, commissioned by the British Hospitality Association, says that between mid-1996 and the end of 1998. hotel stocks fell 40 per cent relarive to the market. Of the current decline, it says: "We find it hard to reconcile the steep collapse in hotel share prices with the probable mild downturn in profit growth."

The report growth."

The report. The Commercial Prospects of the UK Hotel Industry, argues that the collapse in share prices in the early 90s was "a rational response to falling turnover and falling profits" in the face of sinking GDP, a pression in sinking GDP, a recession in the US and the Gull War.

But London Economics concludes that hotel profits are now much less sensitive to GDP, with costs now much lower as a percentage of turnover and more responsive to falls in revenue. It points out that since 1992, profits of the big hotel operators have risen, in real terms, by more than 10 per cent per annum.

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## Microsoft shake-up to change strategy

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

MICROSOFT, the maker of the Windows software that operates most of the world's personal computers, will this week announce a broad reorganisation, splitting the company into four groups.

The changes designed by Steve Ballmer, the president and number two to Bill Gates. will seek to direct Microsoft towards the needs of various customer groups rather than the key software products.

The reorganisation comes after Microsoft said it would suffer a \$400 million revenue

shortfall for the first quarter of 1999, caused by problems with the Office software program. Delays in development of the next generation of the program have forced the company to issue coupons that allow consumers to update the software when the new version arrives.

The four branches of Microsoft expected to emerge include a consumer division, a corporate sales section, a group directed at software developers, and a division to develop new programs and update existing software products.

### Union backing for **Bradford & Bingley**

By Susan Emmett

JOHN MONKS, General Sec- Bradford & Bingley said it did retary of the TUC, will today voice his support for Bradford & Bingley's campaign to retain mutual status in a drive to protect jobs at the building society.

The union leader is meeting Christopher Rodrigues, the society's chief executive, to discuss his concern that a significant number of jobs would be lost if the society's members vote for conversion next month-Bradford & Bingley's fight to

retain mutual status begins in

earnest this week as members

receive their voting forms.

not know how many jobs were potentially at risk, although the society made it clear that it would not be able to maintain its current branch network. It said there would also be cutbacks to its independent financial advice network.

Mr Rodrigues said: "John Monk's support for the mutual cause is welcome. He clearly recognises that the future of our staff and our members is best served by Bradford & Bingley remaining a building society."

Market cap: £5.9 billion. Employees: 3,650. Overview: Operates the electricity transmission network and balances power supply with demand. The Grid enables the trading of power. Operates overseas in electricity transmission and in building telecoms networks. Has a 49 per cent stake in Energis.

#### THE BOARD

David Jeffries has been chairman of the Grid since its formation at the privatisation of the electricity industry in 1990. In July he will make way for James Ross, the charman of Littlewoods and the former chief executive of Cable & Wireless. Mr Jeffries is also the charman of Vindian, the holding company of Northern Ireland Electricity.

David Jones, the chief executive, has spent his career in electricity, joining the Grid in 1994 from South was chief executive. Previously he was in manage-ment at South Western and Midlands electricity boards.

Stephen Box, the finance director, joined the Grid two years ago from Coopers & Lybrand, where he was a partner specialising in corporate finance.

Wob Gerretsen, the business development director, joined from Costain, where he was chairman of engineering and construction, in 1995.

Roger Utwin, the managing director of transmission. was chief executive of London Electricity until 1995 when he moved to the Grid. He is a non-executive director of Foreign and Colonial Trust and Total Oil Marine.

Non-executive directors include: Bob Faircloth, who was chief operating officer at BTR until 1995; John Grant, chief executive of Ascot and a former finance director of Lucas Industries; Richard Reynolds, a former managing director of GPT and current chairman of the Eastern European Trade Council; and Malcoim Wilkinson, chief executive at Standard Chartered.

LAST YEAR was the year the National Grid came into its own. The Grid runs the electricity transmission network and, by that definition, is the very dullest of what are perceived as pretty dull utilities. However, the company demonstrated a spark of life beyond its pylons and substations last summer when its name was linked surprisingly with the National Air Traffic Services (Nats). The Government wants to sell a majority share of Nats, and after it asked the Grid to formalise its verhal interest in a letter, the

cat leapt out of the bag. Later - in December - the Grid made its much-vaunted swoop into the US market by buying the New England Elec-tricity System (Nees) for £2.7 billion. Unlike PacifiCorp - Scottish Power's prey -Nees was widely regarded as well run, so the move raised the question of what the UK company could get out of its US purchase. It hopes for

promising changes to the regulatory system and the chance to use expertise gained in the UK's competitive market to its advantage in the deregulating region of New England.

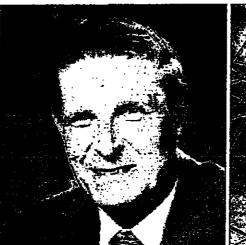
Last month there was the planned £386 million acquisition of Eastern Utilities Associates, bolstering the Grid's new presence in New England.

Both deals will take about a year to crawl through the mass of regulatory considerations and the company has ruled out further forays into the US in the meantime. In between these two buying

extravaganzas, Grid filled its piggy bank by raising £1.2 bil-lion from the sale of Energis shares. Energis was the Grid's highly successful telecoms division, in which it kept a big majority stake after floating the business in late 1997. Having built up the business, the Grid had long said that it wanted to reduce its interest - it is now left with 49 per cent — and to leave its future to telecoms marketing experts. The soaring value of telecoms stocks

provided the opportunity. Running beside the pioneering stuff was continuation of the Grid's strategy of pushing into developing countries to work on nascent power and network projects. A key move was its £200 million involvement in a project to expand Brazil's telecoms network. The timing was not great; it came on the day Brazil devalued its currency by 12 per cent.

David Jones, chief execu-









David Jones, top left, chief executive of National Grid, whose pylons tower over England and Wales. The Grid sponsors England's cricket umpires, exemplified by the now retired Dickie Bird, right, and an umpire's judgment is also called for at the control centre to match electricity supply to demand

straight three-way split for its income. "Within ten years we want to have a third of revenues from the UK and Europe, a third from the developed world, such as the US. and a third from the emerging world." he said.

The huge US deals already move the Grid towards getting a third of its overall sales from overseas ventures. Pushing for a global position is, of course, not unusual for any company. The Grid, however, is in the fortunate position of having its home market relatively secure. except for regulatory tighten-ing. The grid system is a natural monopoly and it is unlikely that the regulator or the Government would want to dismantle the network or hive off its functions just yet — especially as they struggle to introduce new trading arrangements.

Certainly, as it stretches its wings, events over the past few months have made the Grid tive, wants the Grid to have a into a different beast from the

one that first saw the light of day three years ago, when the system was severed from the 12 regional electricity companies and put to the market in

The Grid had an inauspi-cious start. It was quickly dubbed National Greed for its fat-cat controversy - the last in a series of utility scandals when four directors gained £1.5 million profits from share options on the business's flotation. Even John Major, then Prime Minister, had not been able to stop the bonanza. Months before the flotation. he asked the Grid directors to forgo some of their benefits. He acted as Labour made political capital from utility fat-cats

in the run-up to the election. The Grid went on to compound this reputation by set-

ting in train further controvers-

#### WHITTH THE PERSON IN There is probably more scope for growth in the UK that most people give credit for, it has ecormous network skills and there is nothing to prevent those skills being

Hasnain Malik, Salomon Smith Barney

"The grid has made real progress over the past three years, driven by Energis. But there is concern about overseas activities outside the US. It has been seen as having a very scattergus approach is many of the developing markets." Nigel Hawkins, Williams de Broë

ial incentive schemes. It even received a rebuke over pay from Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, who rarely left the more arcane realms of price formulae and capital investment in his public com-

The Grid's flotation was accompanied by another controversy - the lights nearly went out.

The company thrust itself into the media limelight soon after taking its infant commercial steps. It had warned regional electricity companies that, because of a shortage of fuel caused by contraction in gas supplies, there could be sporadic power cuts if demand peaked. It was hardly a ringing endorsement of electricity privatisation. Dozens of journalists packed the Grid's control centre in Wokingham to witness the meltdown. Nothing happened. At the peak 5pm national dash for the kettle on the dreadful day, de-

mand was comfortably matched by supply. Some accused the Grid of scaremongering or, at least, profile-building.
There is little doubt, though, that the Grid's management of the electricity network is a com-plex task. Electricity cannot be stored, so calculating supply and demand is vital. The Grid

individual power stations, the amount of power coming into the English and Welsh pool from France and from the Scottish generators, and the performance of the wires. This is all done from the Wokingham centre, where the

must also monitor output of

nation's power is tracked in minute detail. Next to a giant map of the UK's electricity network are two clocks. One has real time, the other electronic time. They should both have exactly the same time, although the electronic one can get slightly out of sync if the rate at which power moves in and out of the system deviates

from the optimum. The variance between the times would be slight, but the Grid has a statutory duty to stay within the narrowest parameters in regulating the power flow.
Outside the BBC and ITV.

the people knowing most about effects of television programmes on behaviour probably work for the Grid. Its forecasters know the storylines of scaps weeks ahead and receive up to a year's notice of a major drama production. This is because our boiling of kettles and opening of the fridge to get a beer at half-time in a big match or in a gripping programme's intervals have a

huge effect on power demand. The Grid is also in fourhourly contact with the Meteorological Office to find out how cold it will be (for heating) or alternatively how hot (for air-conditioning) and how cloudy (for lights).

Although all this is done at

Wokingham, the Grid has an alternative secret command centre nearby in case of a terrorist attack on its primary centre. Managing networks with all these variables has its advantages. The Grid is the only company in the world that co-ordinates a national supply system. It has done this as the industry has been both priva-tised and then pushed into competition. Such a skill is internationally marketable. It is also a

strong domestic talent. The Grid may find its role in matching supply to demand being reduced by an impend-ing overhaul of electricity trading. However, there is nothing to stop it making a convincing case to run a rail network or the part of the gas market that matches unexpected shortfalls with supply. Such steps will make the Grid's interest in controlling air traffic not so surprising after all.

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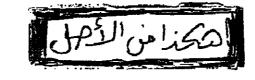
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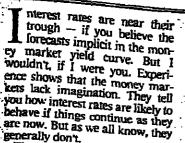
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The money markets current view is partly driven by the growing conviction that American interest rates are going to rise. That may be right, but the real question is what would happen afterwards. The markets tend to think in terms of conventional interest rate cycles. Once rates start moving in one direction they continue for several further moves, perhaps extending over years.

But we no longer live in a conventional world. Those of us who have expected a stock market collapse to slow US consumer spending have so far been wrong - but we can still be proved right this year. If the market does not come to its senses naturally, then a US

## Fall in base rates has not finished yet rate rise may do the job. Yet after a contributing to increasing social

significant drop in asset prices, the Fed would surely not want to go on raising rates. It might even be forced to cut them again soon afterwards - not least because of the international ramifications.

There is a widespread view that the international financial crisis has run its course. But two related problems are bubbling beneath the surface. The penny seems finally to have dropped in Tokyo that if Japan is to find a way out of the present deflationary trap it will have to let the yen go. Meanwhile. there have been more hints from China that it may devalue. Her current account surplus suggests that she does not need to, but look instead at the domestic situation. and it is a different story. Growth has slowed sharply and prices in the shops are falling at 3 per cent a

Critics say that China should try to boost growth by instituting reforms that will stimulate both corporate and consumer spending. But political considerations dictate that the authorities have to go easy on the pace of reform, while the entrenchment of deflationary psychology makes stimu-lating demand far from easy.

The markets should give due weight to the chances that a Chinese devaluation this year will set off another round of currency adjustments. If that happens, as well as unsettling financial markets, weaker Asian currencies would intensify disinflationary pressures in the West and thereby justify lower interest rates.

Over the past week, of course, the British money markets have focused on the implications of the



Budget. A pity, then, that (as so often before) first impressions were misleading. On hearing the Budget speech, many a teenage scribbler rushed off to the television studios to denounce the big Budget "giveaway". They should have known better than to read the Budget's message from the Chancellor's speech in Parliament.

The true message only reveals itself after the practice of the black arts involved in poring over the Budget document (still known in the trade as the Red Book, even though it is white). For all Chancellors face two ways - to the voters in the country, and to the financial markets across the world. They must simultaneously be Santa to one group and Scrooge to the other.

Astute observers in the markets can normally see through this pretence, but this year things were made worse for them by the Chan-cellor's brilliant presentation, and by his practice of rolling up the tax reductions over three years. His much-trumpeted net tax cut of £6bn was in fact only Elbn in the coming year. More importantly, despite the cuts last week, taxes are in fact set to rise as a result of the measures announced in the previous two Budgets but yet to take full effect.

There is a significant chance, though, that a recession will blow Gordon Brown's plans off course. Given the international situation and the risk that rising unemployment here at home will dent consumer confidence. I think that the Treasury's forecast of 1 per cent growth is too high (although it is perfectly plausible).

This is where the news gets even better. Britain's fiscal position is now so strong that it could withstand a recession. Of course, borrowing levels would rise sharply, but look at the starting point. This year the Budget deficit is set to be only 0.3 per cent of GDP and the accumulated government debt 46.6 per cent. This compares with the Maastricht Treaty criteria of 3 per cent and 60 per cent. The only other large country in a comparably

healthy position is the United

And this brings me to the last reason for expecting interest rates to carry on falling. According to most assessments, the pound is uncompetitive at these levels and should be falling. Yet it is not showing any signs of weakness. now subsumed in the curo, it is just about in the middle of its old ERM bands. I have a suspicion that, partly because our fiscal position is so robust, sterling may even strengthen, thereby intensifying disinflationary forces - and increasing the pressure for further

base rate cuts.
You'll be wanting numbers. I am not changing my view because of a broadly neutral Budget and temporary signs of recovery in the world economy. The figure I have pencilled in for the end of the year is still 4 per cent. Yes, I know that's a good deal lower than the markets are expecting. Just reflect on what they were expecting last year.

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## French close ranks against bank bidders

A CAMPAIGN is under way in the French business community to prevent one of the country's large banks falling into

foreign hands. The hostile takeover bid launched last week by Banque Nationale de Paris for two of its rivals. Societé Générale and Paribas, has thrown the sector into turmoil and prompted suggestions that an overseas bank may use the bid as an opportunity to muscle into the hitherto closed French banking sector.

Signs of the French closing ranks against outside bidders came as the Finance Ministry yesterday published a decree launching the privatisation of another bank, the state-owned Crédit Lyonnais.

BNP's move would create the world's largest bank in terms of assets, and one of the higgest in terms of market capitalisation. The predator and its prey are preparing for a long battle if the Consell des Marchés Financiers, the finanFROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

cial markets regulator, rules tomorrow that BNPs bid is ac-

Although shares in BNP closed 3.6 per cent down at 680 on Friday, international investors have given broad, if prudent, support to the predatory raid on Societé Générale and Paribas, which were themselves in merger talks.

This weekend Paribas denied reports that about 100 of its senior managers were opposed to the proposed link-up with Societé Générale, although it was forced to admit that they had met last week.

Antoine Jeancourt-Galligna-ni, chairman of AGF, the insurance group with significant stakes in the three banks, said: The shareholders will decide. They are going to have to evaluate the interests of both projects." BNP is offering 15 shares for seven Société Géné-

Paribes shares.
But with the bid certain to fuel speculation in shares in all three institutions, foreign banks are waiting for the chance to pounce on a hitherto closed French market. There have been reports that Germany's Dresdner Bank may bid

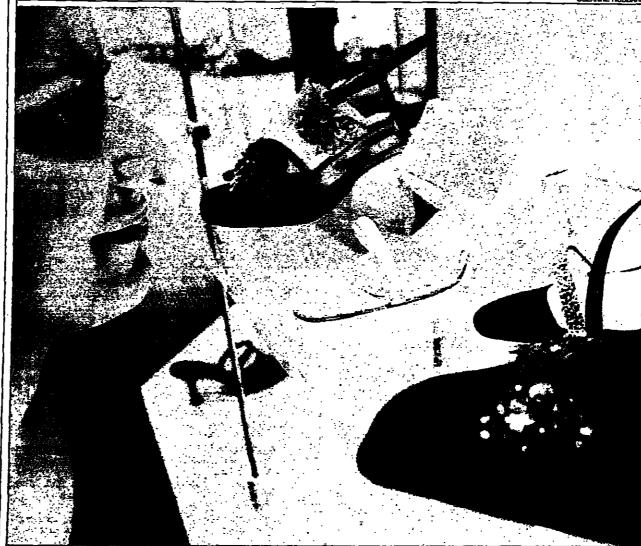
for BNP.

But the French Finance Ministry, backed by senior figures in the Paris business community, is determined to prevent foreign institutions acquiring any of France's big banks. Both Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the Finance Minister, and Jean-Claude Trichet, the Governor of the Bank of France, say they will defend the French bank

The same determination was clear in the decree start-ing the Credit Lyonnais privatisation yesterday.

A hard core of shareholders

will be given the chance to purchase just less than a third of the bank, the Government "group of partners" will be able to acquire a stake of between i per cent and 10 per cent.



Fashion footwear: Church & Co, the gentleman's bootmaker, is aiming to attract buyers of designer shoes with the launch of e-jones. The store, near Harrods in Brompton Road, West London, is being run through the Jones the Bootmaker division of Church & Co. The company, which hopes to reclaim some of the territory lost to clothes retailers, is thought to be a target for Bernard Arnault, of LVMH.

### **Rio Tinto** chief hits back

By Paul Armstrong

THE head of Rio Tinto, the world's biggest mining com-pany, has rejected accusations that poor management in the minerals industry was to blame for the plunge in

commodity prices.

Leon Davis, chief executive, said the buge oversupply that drove down the price of most metals was the result of decisions made by mining companies three or more years ago, when "the world was a different place". Mr Davis said that most other industries were also guilty of fostering excess capacity at various times.

"The mining ledustry is unfairly criticised," he said.
"The supply decisions were made a fair time ago and people just got their timing wrong. That happens."

The industry has come under increasing attack for failing to arrest the slide in the price of its products. Analysts have been particularly critical of the decision of many companies to offset low prices by increasing

## Shell in search of profits with principles

BY CARL MOSTISSIED INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

SHELL, the oil company, yesterday said that it sacked some 60 contractors last year for failing to comply with its business principles, which in-clude prohibitions against bribery and corruption, and its health and safety policies.

The company also indicated that a

number of employees had been dismissed for corruption, although fewer than the 23 who lost their jobs in 1997. The revelations came as Shell launched a \$25 million (£15 million) media campaign intended to demonstrate its commitment to sustainable development - balancing profits with care for the environment and

The campaign, entitled Profits and

Principles, includes mailshots to opinion-formers worldwide, an Internet discussion forum and \$16 million in press advertising. One of the more arresting images consists of a tiny frog caught in a venus fly trap. Next to it is the Shell emblem and the message: protect endangered species or be-

Mark Wade, who is organising the campaign at Shell said: The Brent Spar was one of the best things that happened to us. We were shocked by the vehemence of the reaction and we asked ourselves how could we get so out of touch."

Mark Moody-Stuart, Shell's chairman, said: "While much of our attention this year is going into making the business more profitable, this is not an excuse to neglect our longerterm responsibilities.

Shell commissioned a MORI survey of attitudes to the company worldwide, which revealed 50 per cent were positive, 40 per cent indifferent

and 10 per cent highly critical. Mr Wade noted that the company's share price "hardly wobbled" during the Brent Spar and Nigeria controversies. "But it hurt us emotionally - we were seen as lacking the values we

## Eastern puts out gas rival challenge

Eastern Group, the power generator and distributor owned by Texas Utilities, is claiming to have emerged as the largest competitor to Centrica, which trades as British Gas, in the scramble for the deregulated gas market.

More than one million customers have signed up to East-ern for their domestic gas sup-plies, and more than 300,000 have joined the company's existing electricity customer base. Eastern announced fullyear operating profits 12 per cent higher at £450.2 million.

#### Greenbury effect

Companies are imposing increasingly demanding per-formance conditions on executive share option incentive schemes as a result of the Greenbury Committee's report according to a new survey. Long-term incentive plans adopted last year had higher potential awards than in earlier years, according to New Bridge Street Consultants, the management consultant.

#### BAe in Spanish bid

British Aerospace is believed to be in talks to buy Casa of Spain, the state-owned aerospace company. The company is to be sold off by the Government in the summer. BAe, which is also buying the GEC's Marconi defence division, has offered to buy all of Casa.

#### Miners' strike off

RJB Mining. Britain's biggest coal producer, has announced that a threatened strike by mineworkers in Yorkshire and the Midiands has been called off.

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## MAM critical of DSS proposal

MERRILL Lynch Mercury As-set Management (MAM), the pension fund manager, has clashed with the Department of Social Security over plans to insert a clause setting out trustees approach to ethical investment (Martin Waller writes).

A DSS consultation document suggests pension fund trustees should provide a statement of investment principles. saying whether they take into account considerations other than financial ones, such as a

bacco. But John Parsloe, a managing director at MAM, has written to the DSS saying that such a proposal is "objectionable", because the requirement for a negative statement implies trustees are in some

vestment practice. "This is open to interpretation as an insidious attempt by government to influence trustees," he says. He adds that decisions on ethical investment are entirely

#### refusal to invest in arms or toway not conforming to best inthe fund manager. De La Rue to cut costs evenina

DE LA RUE, the maker of coincounting machines, is expected to announce huge cost-cutting measures, including job losses. when it unveils the results of a strategic review tomorrow

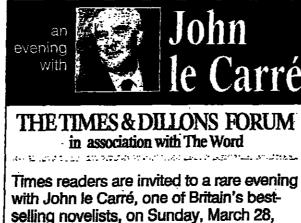
(Paul Armstrong writes).
The review, which has focused on the company's cash

systems division, is being viewed as an attempt by De La Rue to rebuild its tarnished reputation among analysts and fund managers.

But analysts are questioning whether any amount of re-structuring will generate acceptable returns.

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The event, which forms part of The Word literary festival, will be held at the LSE Peacock theatre, Portugal Street, off Kingsway, London WC1. Tickets cost £9 and can be booked on 0171-863 8222

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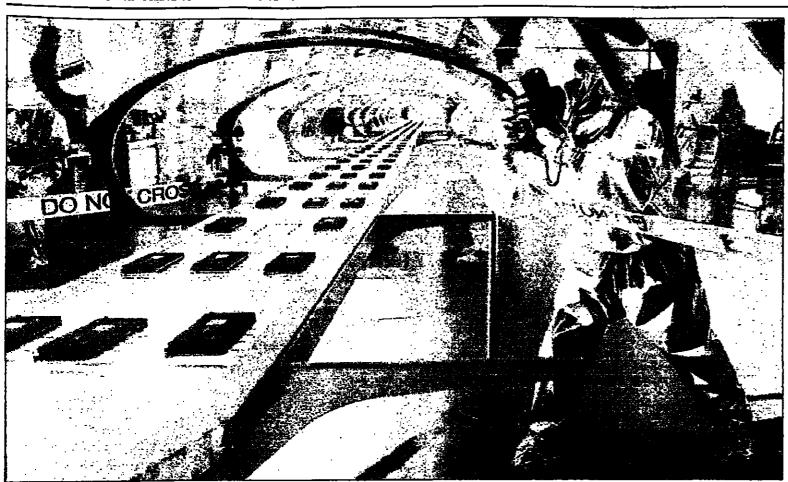
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Short stay: Silicon Valley's corporate venturing model is to make lots of small investments in a market related to your own and then exit within five years

## Tech farmers aim to reap rich investment harvest

ech farming is not some new and even more terrifying modern method of genetically altering crops and mutating animals. It is the name given to venture capital activity by technology companies.

Most large software and

hardware companies in America have woken up to the need for corporate venturing, following pharmaceutical companies before them. The home of tech farming is Silicon Valley in California, where there is a whole eco-system to support entrepreneurship and where large companies nurture smaller ones as everyday practice. In January, Oracle, founded

by Larry Ellison, announced a \$100 million venture fund. Intel has a fund worth some \$2 billion. Last week's Budget put in place tax breaks to help to corporate venturing get off the ground over here. It is a business strategy pecu-

liarly suited to the nature of the technology business and its dynamics. Silicon Valley's corporate venturing model is to make lots of relatively small investments, typically between \$1 and \$5 million. taking a minority stake in small, young companies. The aim is to invest in companies operating in a market related to your own and exit (sell your stake) the small company within five years.

You do not find car manufacturers rushing into the corporate venturing game. But it Saeed Shah examines the growth of venture

capital activity by high-tech companies

nology. As we have seen from the astronomical valuations that loss-making Internet stocks have commanded, the economics of the technology sector does not fit neatly into the textbooks of business.

Unlike car manufacturers. technology companies have to accept that their market is so fast-moving that there is no room for smugness or sitting back on your laurels. Even the industry's giants may not be at the cutting edge of any given technology or its application. You have to accept that the next big thing will not neces-

your company, so somehow you have to find another way of getting a slice of the action. Francis Vanderhoydonck, president and chief executive of Lernout & Hauspie Investment Company (LHIC), says: "Nobody actually knows how the future will look in IT. Nobody can be sure of maintaining their current market posi-

Cars are designed three, four, or five years before they go into production. That is a luxury you do not have in the IT sector. By its nature, the future of IT is uncertain. Even the present microchip technology, which doubles computing makes a lot of sense for tech- power every 18-24 months, is

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tion, not even Bill Gates."

set to run out of capacity in about ten years' time and an al-ternative will have to be found. Because of IT's newness, other companies are not necessarily enemies, because a mass market has yet to be created in

many cases. Microsoft's alleged bullying tactics apart. technology companies are all in this together. They have to work with other companies. Lernout & Hauspie, a Bel-gian company that makes voice-recognition technology. established LHIC as a separate company in January to make

longer-term strategic invest-ments. It follows their purer sarily come from the boffins at venture capitalist initiative, the FLV fund, which makes shortterm investments. Both LHIC and FLV funds limit their investments to the language and artificial intelligence fields that L&H operates in. Philip Vermeulen, managing director of FLV fund, says: Your competitors might bene-

fit, but what you gain is growing the absolute size of the market, even if you lose some of the proportion of the market that you hold." Technology is forging the future. Only by working together, developing complementary technologies and applying the

technologies of other compa-

nies to everyday needs, are you going to create a viable market. Makers of fridges, for instance, do not have to create a market: that already exists. However, if you are creating voice-recognition products. that is new and the market is only just emerging. Any compa-ny promoting the field is doing you a favour. Soon, says L&H, we will have video recorders that you can programme just by talking to them, but the mar-

ket is yet to be created. Nigel Grierson, Intel's Corporate Business Development programme director for Europe, says: "Intel's primary reason for investing is strategic. First, Intel wants to stimulate demand for PC products that, in turn, can increase the size of the overall market segment.

"Intel does this by looking for companies that can help create new uses or new users for PC products. For instance, Intel invests in companies that can help make computing more visually compelling, more productive or more entertaining."

tried to do it all ourselves. Helping companies who apply our technology helps both parties." The more successful the com-

Fred Mitchell, manager of the \$100 million fund at Adobe Systems, says: "We don't con-centrate on financial returns.

We look at companies that are

addressing markets that have

a strategic fit to our business."

be has typically invested in six

to ten companies a year since it started the fund in 1994, tak-ing stakes of between 3 and 40

per cent. Of the \$15 million in-

vested in nine companies that have been acquired or gone public, Adobe has booked a

It is the attraction of a small company's product that at-tracts, not its salesforce or reve-

nue flow. And most technolo-

gy companies like to work with classic venture capitalist

firms as co-investors, for their

There is a distinction in the

IT sector between core technol-

ogy and its applications. Com-

panies like L&H want to con-

centrate on developing the

basic technology, but there is

no market for the pure tech-

nology without applications.

They want to leave those appli-

cations to others. Mr Mitchell

says that the companies he in-

vests in are typically two to

four years ahead of Adobe in

their application of Adobe soft-

Jo Lernout, co-founder of

L&H, says: "We concentrate on

the core language and artificial

intelligence technologies. It

would dilute our efforts and

our strength it we did every-

thing. There are infinite appli-

cations for speech recognition.

Since we cannot be in 20,000

different applications, we would miss out on a lot if we

ware platforms.

\$100 million profit.

financial expertise.

Mr Mitchell says that Ado-

pany applying a technology is, the more the brand of the inventor of that technology is leveraged". And that is before the investor takes any direct profit from its investment. For the small companies at

the receiving end of investments, they not only gain funds, but get help with marketing and early access to new products being developed by the big brother.

The massive profits commonly enjoyed by larger tech-nology companies lead to enormous cash piles that allow risky venturing activity.

growth potential of the technology companies makes it fertile ground for venture capitalists, and who better to know which will succeed than those who are in the technology business themselves. Being on top of the technology also ensures a healthy deal flow for tech farmers, that other ingredient of successful venture capitalism.

The concept of tech farming has started to come to Europe Intel has just set up a European corporate venturing division and has made eight investments so far. Microsoft has become in-

volved in the ambitious programme to make Cambridge the hub of an English equivalent of Silicon Valley. Cambridge provides Brit-

ain's brightest high-tech hopes. The area has 1,200 technology companies, employing 35,000 people — the highest concentration in Europe. The £50 million Amadeus

Capital Partners venture fund in Cambridge was set up in December 1997, with investors including a couple of the university's colleges and the likes of Microsoft and Reuters. It has spent £10 million so far on ten investments.

Hermann Hauser, one of the founding partners at Amadeus, says: "One of the bottlenecks has been the quality of the entrepreneurial talent in Britain." Dr Hauser, who is 'cautiously optimistic" about high-tech prospects in the UK. adds: "The other big obstacle is that there is not a smooth relationship between large and small companies in this country, unlike the US. Small companies are seen as tedious and difficult to work with."



**WORD-WATCHING** 

Answers from page 33 VISHNUITE

(a) A worshipper of Vishnu, an adherent of Vishnuism. "A Vishnuite who has inadvertently killed a monkey may expiate his offence by a mock sacrifice."

ZERUMBET

(b) An East Indian plant of the genus Curcuma, or its aromatic root, used, like the allied Cassumunar and Zedgary, as a tonic drug. An adaptation of the Hindi and Persian names. "The Zerumbet likewise growes in these parts, and is like to ginger."

ZYGAENA

(c) A fish of the genus formerly so named (now Sphyrna) comprising the hammer-headed sharks. An adaptation of the Greek word, which meant a fish of some sort, possibly even a hammer-headed shark. The Dog Fish, the Zygaena, the Tope, the Cat Fish."

VALETAILLE

(a) A number or retinue of valets, for those who feel the need of more than one assistant to dress them. "No end of military valetaille, chiefly janizaries in Turk costume."

**SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE** Nxf2! 2 Nxf2 (2 Rxf2 Rdl is decisive) 2 ... Rdl! 3 Qxd1 Bxf2+ 4 Rxf2 Qxd1+ and wins easily on material

CHANGE ON WEEK

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TELEVISION CHOICE

## Women on the inside

BBC1, 9.30pm

Apart from a prisoner trying to kill herself, this new series about day-to-day life in a women's prison is surprisingly upbeat. The prison is New Hall in Yorkshire, a closed facility for more than 400 and the fastest-growing prison in the country. There is quite a staggering rise in numbers (of female criminals) and we don't really know why." says the Governor Miles Goodwin. The impages says the Governor Mike Goodwin. The inmates seem to like him and give a rancous cheer as he does his rounds. The prisoners coming in every day from courts around the North of England seem to get sympathetic treatment. This opener focuses on Toui Barker, a first-timer who will wring your heart. Continues tomorrow

Births, Marriages and Deaths

After last week's astonishing ending, what on earth could Tony Grounds's primary school chums, the Good, the Bad and the Gormless, have in store for a climax? One waits in horrid anticipation. It is not misplaced. Tonight sees the final disintegration — and then a kind of spiritual reawakening — of the five remaining characters. The storylines merge with the resolution of that escalating quarrel between Terry (Mark Strong) and the combustible natural father of his sons (Robert Goodale). The high point has got to be the ghastly toga parry thrown by Alan (Ray Winstone) for his cowering cronies. As they nervously tuck into their suckling pig the whole scenario collapses into a kind of Greek tragedy. And as Alex (Maggie O'Neill) belts out the words to I Will Survive over the closing credits it seems she has finally found her identity — and so have (nearly) all the others. anticipation. It is not misplaced. Tonight sees the

Cutting Edge: Shot Channel 4, 9pm

Nick O'Dwyer's film is a strange evocation of the power, even glamour, of the gun. Those who give evidence include two men who have killed, an RUC officer who was nearly killed, an English

A behind-the-scenes look at New Hall prison in Jailbirds (BBCl, 9.30pm)

woman who wimessed her lover shot through their car windows in Florida and an arms dealer whose eyes sparkle as he describes the sophisticated refinements of his products. A former soldier describes "the kick of the weapon, the tenseness of pulling the trigger slowly and remembering how to breathe". O'Dwyer intercuts the gory recollections with near-abstract close-ups of the meticulous design and beauty of a gun. Fascinating — but why make it?

Kavanagh OC ITV, 9pm

"If equal affection cannot be, Let the more loving one be me." This quotation from W.H. Auden underlines a sad, graceful story in this second of the new series. Like the first, it starts on a knife-edge: a ravaged young girl, depressed by heroin, appears to blow herself up by holding a match to her faulty gas fire in the flat she shares with her boyfriend. "I killed her," says the boyfriend (Hugh Dancy) — and he sticks to his story, corroborated by an itinerant health visitor and with further confirmation suggested by a record for arson. But all is not what it appears, as our man in chambers (John Thaw) discovers. (John Thaw) discovers.

RADIO CHOICE Carnival Tales

Men in Black

This new three-part series starts with the kind of rhythmic feet-on-gravel sound that raises the prospect of a programme about square-bashing and other forms of discipline. But this is discipline of a different kind for the series is about the training of Roman Catholic priests. The focus is Ushaw College outside Durham, where young men train for what the presenter Rosemary Hartill calls "a worldwide celibate male club dedicated to the service of God". Ushaw's President is Father Jim O'Keefe, a dedicated but determinedly informal man with a passion for Sunderland Football Club. The sense of community at Usbaw comes across strongly and I was surprised to discover that it also has female theology students.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

i.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Mark Radolffe 4.00 Chris Movies 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Day Pearce 8.00 Lamacq Live. Featuring Blur IIve from the BBC-Hippodrome, and session tracks from 3 Colours Red and Feeder. Plus, the story of Beck's album Odelay 12.00 The Breezeblock 2.00erm Clive Warren 4.00 Scott Mills

RADIO 2 (BBC)

8.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Serah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Welker 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelion 8.00 Sig Band Special 8.30 John Holland 9.30 Mark Lamam: Sheke, Ratife and Roll (8/10) 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.00 Ketrina Leskanich 3.00am Mo Dutte

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

m Morning Reports 6.00 Breaklast 9.00 Nicky Campb suduent Morring Reports et al. Breakers sudu Nicky Campbell. Live from Berwick-upon-Tweed, in the run-up to devolution for Scotland and Wales 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Edita 7.30 Dream Teams. Eventon supporter Bitl Kenwright balks to Jim White about the best players to have graced Goodson Park 8.00 The Family. Andrew Neil and a celebrity panel debate the future of British family life 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00em Up All Night

**TALK RADIO** 

6.00am Big Boys Breaklast 9.00 Scott Chisholm & Saily James 12.00 Let's Talk Soap 1.00 Anna Raeburn 4.00 Sports Zone 7.00 Under the Posts 8.00 James Whale 1.00am Ien Collins

VIRGIN

6.30wn Chris Evans 9.30 Russ-Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Hamlet Scott 6.45 Pete and Gaofi 10.00 Mark Forrest 1.00am James Merritt 4.30 Richard Allen

6.00am On Air with Petroc Trelawity
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks); Scartalti (Sonata in E. KI-531), Rocingo (Conciento de Aranjuez)
10.30 Aritat of the Week This week, Joan Bakewell talks to the organist Gillian Weir
11.00 Sound Stories: Medical Matters The tale of

talks to the organist Giltan Weir

11.00 Sound Stonless Medical Matters The tale of Schubert's batile against syphilis

12.00 Composer of the Week: Richard Strauss

1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Live from the Wigmore Hall. Peter Donohoe, piano. Bach (French Suite No 5 in G; BWW816); Beethoven (Franc Sonata in A, Op 2 No 2); Bartok (Franc Sonata)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Ion Marin and Tadaeki Otaka, with Fabio Bidnin, piano, Barbara Hendricks, soprano. Liszt (Les preludes, Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat); Strauss (Four Last Songs); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)

4.00 Opera In Action Robert Lloyd explores the extraordinary number of fine voices that Wales has produced. Featured artists include Margaret Price, Strant Burrows, Bryn Terfel, Della Jones and Dennis O'Neit

4.45 Music Machine Tommy Pearson begins a week in which he explores the art of performing chamber music

5.00 in Tune With Sean Rafferty, Including music by Ravel, Mozart and Berkoz, and Strauss's Burlesk 7.30 Performance on 3: Myths in Music Live from

Radio 4, 3.30pm

There is nothing quite like Carnival time in Brazil and the rest of us will never quite understand why. As a participant says in this joyful 15 minutes. The way that we party, you have to be a Brazilian to understand. If you are from another country you will never understand why somebody spends, like, will never understand why someodory spends, fixe, three days jumping, jumping, jumping. Why? What that for? You have to be from here to understand." Yes, but you don't need to understand it to admire it and the presenter Mark Richards conveys not just the excitement but also the political and social impetus that makes Carmival a time of hope and excitement for millions of people, many of whom have little hope or excitement elsewhere in their lives.

Peter Barnard

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 This Wornan Thing 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 Record News 8.25 Off the Shelf: Enduring Love 8.25 Health Matters 9.00 World News 8.05 Westway Access 9.20 The Virtage Chart Show 9.50 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Britain Today 10.46 The Farming World 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Pick of the World 12.00 World News 12.05pm Outlook 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 3.05 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 3.05 Sports Round-Up 3.15 Record News 3.30 Composer Of the Morth 4.00 World News 4.15 Insight 4.30 M utilitade Hit-List 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Round-Up 6.00 World News 6.15 Britain Today 6.30 Werm World 7.00 World News 7.05 Health Matters 7.30 Clouded Hills 7.45 Off the Shelf: Enduring Love 8.00 Newshour 9.00 World News 7.05 World Business Report 9.20 Spitain Today 9.30 Mutilitrack Hit-List 11.00 World News 11.05 Outlook 11.45 Insight 2.00 The World Today 12.30m Health Matters 12.55 My Century 1.00 The World Today 12.30m Health Matters 12.55 My Century 1.00 The World Today 1.30 Westway 1.45 Record News 2.00 The World Today 2.30 Warm World 3.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00em Nick Balley's Easier Breeklest Favourite musical works, plus regular information updates 9.00 Michael Mappin. The Hail of Fame Hour and CD of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jene Jones presents listeners' favourites 2.00pm Concerto. Bruti. (Pieno Concerto No 1) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Continuous Classics and Altermoon Romence 6.30 Newsright. John Brunning presents the latest stories 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. Two hours of soothing sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. C.P.E. Bech (Magnificat); J.C. Bech (Quintet in Dimajor), J.E. Bach (Violin Soneta in Finajor), J.S. Bach (Orienstral Suite No 3 in Dimajor) 11.00 Mann at Night. Wind down with the sound of ambient music 2.00am Concerto. Butl. (Pieno Concerto. Butl.) (Pierro Concerto No 1) (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breakfast Show

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RADIO 3

the Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, the second of two concerts exploring mythology in music. Lilli Paasikivi, mezzo, Helkid Kilpelainen, beritone, Polytechnic Men's Chorus, Finnish RSO under Select Corne Maria (Inc.)

Polytectrinic Men's Chorus, Finnish RSO under Salsari Otamo, Klami (Lemminkainen's Adventures in Saari); Sibelius (Kullervo)

9.15 Postscript: The Pas de Deux An idiosyncratic history of classical duets

9.35 Bach and Shostakovifch Olii Musicnen, piano, plays prejudes and fugues from the first book of Bach's The Well-Tempered Clavier

10.00 Volces lain Burnside presents the second of two programmes trawling through 75 years of Schubert lader recordings

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11.30 Jazz Notes This week, Alyn Shipton, celebrates the art of the jazz record producer
12.00 Composer of the Week: Delitus (f)
1.00am Through the Night with Donaid Macleod.
1.00 Manderling Quartet 2.20 Aliven (Swedish Risposody No 1) 2.35 Sibelius (Sonatina, Op 67 No 1) 2.40 Constantin Regarney (Persian Songs) 3.00 Schools: Music Box 3.15 Something To Think About 3.30 EAL: Let's Make a Story 3.45. Stories and Rhymes 4.00 Find Out 4.15 Maths. Challenge 4.30 Hopsootch 4.45 Sottish Resources 7-9 5.00 Mczant (Overture: The Marriage of Figero) 5.20 Haydn (String Quartet, Op 64 No 2) 5.40 Franck (Prelude, Fugue and Variation)

RADIO 4

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today Presented by Ashley Gething 6.00 Today with Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie 9.00 Start the Week Discussion programme, hosted by Jeremy Payman

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9.45 (LW) Dailty Service From St Marten's Church, Belfast, led by the Rev Bert Tosh
10.00 Women's Hour with Martha Kearney and guests 11.00 Tunking into Children Kristy Wark examines the importance of play to a child's development (5/6) 11.30 King of Beth Ambrose banks on Nash's help in acquiring pupils for his new school. Cornedy by Arnold Evans, with Eny Thomas and David Bamber Suffer Little Children (4/6) 12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 12.00 (Fill) News 12.04pm You and Yours Consumer news and stones, with Liz Barday and John Waite 1.00 The World at One News round-up, introduced by Nick (Carke 1.30 Counterpoint Third semi-final of the general

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2.00 The Archera Yesterday's edition (r)

2.15 Afternoon Play: Letters from a Strange Land John Clifford's dramatisation of the true story of the ackenturer Will Adams, who was shipwingoled in Japan while en route for the East Indies in 1598 With David Brooks and Burt Kwouk.

3.00 Money Box Live: 0870 010 0444 Vincent Duggleby takes listeners' calls on financial issues 3.30 Camiwal Tales New series. See Choice (1/5)

3.45 This Sceptred lake Anna Massey narrates part 51 of the history of Britan (r)

4.00 The Food Programme Andrew Jefford investigates threats to Jamaica's banana groves (r)

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4.30 Turning World Jenni Murray and guests look at human interest stones from around the world 5.00 PM Presented by Chris Lowe and Nigel Wrench 6.00 Str. O'Clock News 6.30 Just a Minute Clement Freud, Paul Merton, Richard Monton and Graham Norton try to speak for 60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation at The Pleasance, Edinburgh Fringe. Presented by Nicholas Parsons 7.00 The Arobers Bert gets back in 7.15 Front Row Mark Lawson meets the bestselling writer Wilbur Smith.

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7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Broedcast earlier as part
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8.00 Men in Black New series. See Choice (1/3)
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9.00 Nature The fragile balance of nature which exists on isolated stands — a balance invariably (expandised by human exploitation
9.30 Start the Week Broadcast earlier (r)
10.00 The World Tonight With Robin Lustin
10.45 Book at Bedfilmer Strait is the Gate David McKell rests Andre Gale's story of lost love (r)
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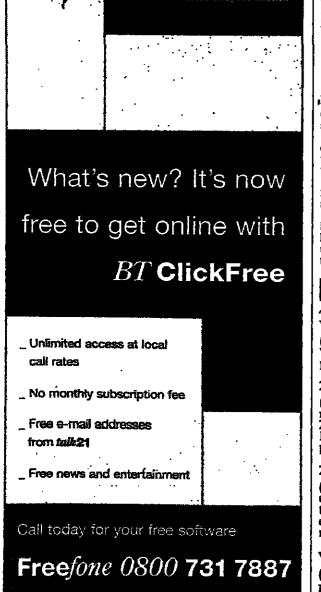
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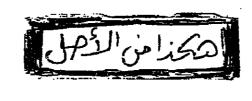
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## A little too much revealed on Comic Relief

REVIEW

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blame The Full Monty. Chari-ty telethons used to be full of celebrities missing most of the notes in My Way or performing feeble sketches. Now they are full of people taking their clothes off.

Last week I made a brief contri-bution to BBCI's The Heaven and Earth Show. The producers had read a column about last year's Children In Need expressing Scrooge-like sentiments about charity telethons and wanted someone to say "Bah! Humbug!" in a discussion of Comic Relief (BBC) and 2. Friday).

agreed only to express some ambivalent. worthy-but-dull reservations, because, as they constantly remind us, Comic Relief is different. It does help people to help themselves; it does attempt to educate the public about the political context to the beneficiaries' plight. It is, in the best sense of an all but meaningless expression, im-maculately "PC". Unlike Children

in Need, my own children actually want to watch it, so it becomes a Comic Relief everyone is a Special family ritual.

Putting in an appearance must be all-but compulsory, the list of celebrity participants is so long. Agents probably see it as a profileraising opportunity. It would be more interesting to know who had turned them down and why.

And I remain doggedly un-

impressed that they have given so generously of their time. These are people many of whom earn more in a week than the punters they are asking to dig in their pockets earn in a year. A few hours knocking up a sloppy sketch with your pals isn't exactly a hardship. And some of the sketches and events were unusually sloppy this year, such as the record-breaking "gunging" which didn't actually gunge many of the record number of gungees.

It all ends up like a cheesy American sitcom where the "Special Guest Star" gets frantic applause

Guest Star. But it's all in a good cause, so we mustn't complain.

nd then there was all that A sponsored stripping, tastefully and unthreateningly distant. Our video packed up before Ewan McGregor lifted his kilt, but we saw TFI Comic Relief's nude football training under Gazza who remained fully panted. A more dismal and repulsive sight is hard to conceive.

"I'll have to leave the country after this!" said Chris Evans with mock embarrassment. Chance would be a fine thing. TV's Mr Arrested Development has engineered a chance to flash his willy on television and we're supposed to believe he's embarrassed? The real problem, I suppose, is

that the bulk of the Great British

public have to be flattered into

doing anything about world

poverty in these orgies of self-congratulatory romping. And that is not the fault of Comic Relief. The story that the charity has deliberately played down the fact that it is giving help to asylum-seekers in this country because their cause is unsexy speaks volumes. The abuse of this vilified group is a national scandal, but it seems that pointing this out to the nose-squeaking

multitudes would poop the party.

I bet they couldn't raise much for a "Save The Woodlousel" campaign either. Yet as Violent Planet (BBC), vesterday) showed us, even in our nicer Victorian suburbs. woodlice are in deadly peril every time it rains. Wasps and bees, too can be plunged into a crisis requiring immediate humanitarian relief

by a sudden downpour. The sequence about British insects getting swept down gutters or drowned in drinks was a bizarre interlude in this BBC-Discovery Channel co-production. Because most of Deluge, the first of this three-part series, was about devastating flash-floods, hailstones the size of grapefruit and other cataclysmic phenomena.

The photography was, as ever, sturning, the pace francic, the commentary dripping with solemn por-tent of ominous doom. Kangaroos raced from charging torrents. snow-hares from avalanches, in feats of over-extended parallel editing that would shame D.W. Griffiths or Steven Spielberg. "Some scenes contain reconstruc-

tions or simulations," a caption announced at the end. You don't say! It was worth watching for the Amazonian fire-ants' amazing living-raft manoeuvre alone, but this is nature documentary for people with the attention span of a woodlouse falling down a drainpipe.

have never understood what gets people about horse-racing. We all have our blind spots, and racing is one of mine. So I watched Cheltenham. Festival of Dreams (Channel 4, yesterday) in the hope that it would throw some light on the matter. The Festival is organised by the racecourse's affably efficient managing director. Edward Gillespie, and attracts crowds on a scale that dwarfs other events. Plane-loads of Irish punters invade the sleepy Gloucestershire

hollow bent on a week of cracking whips and whipping craic.

I was at university with Edward, where we took part in a series of "comedy" revues which were probably, on reflection, dire beyond belief. But it came as no surprise to discover that he is liked and respected by his staff and that his enthusiasm for entertainment. racing and all the trappings thereof remains utterly undiminished.

Everyone obviously had a terrific time, especially Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, for whom the crowds part like the Red Sea when she sallies forth to the paddock. They lined the Guinness up in serried ranks; the sun shone and the bookies chortled merrily when the favourite didn't win. Even the jockey who fell under a horse emerged with only a broken collarbone. I still don't get it about horse-racing, I'm afraid, but the Cheltenham Festival is obviously an extremely jolly place to be.

6.00am Business Breakfast (72592) 7.00 Breakfast News (18221) 9.00 Holby A Breaklast News (18221) 9.00 Holby A Morning in Casually (7603030) 9.10 Milroy (2588931) 9.55 Docs on the Box (5409689) 10.05 The Venessa Show (6288486) 10.65 News, Weather (3031573) 11.00 What's Up Doc? (9469370) 11.10 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cock (r) (3037757) 11.40 On-Call (1790711) 11.50 Viewers' Request (7907776) 11.55 News; Weather (7906147) 12.00 Call Mr Rhiff (89660) (7906047) 12.00 Call My Bluff (89660) **12.30pm** Top Tip Challenge (4572405) **12.55** The Weather Show (53616405)

1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (89080) 1.30 Regional News: Weather (59538080) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (35635733)

**2.05 Ironside** (r) (5**89**9283) **2.55 Through the Keyhole** (r) (T) (3555738) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6435080) 3.45 Pocket Dragon (5090931) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (9710363) 4.10 Anthony Ant (6962757) 4.20 The Littlest Pet Shop (6715979) 4.35 Misery Guts (3019283) 5.00 Newsround (4781009) 5.10 Blue Peter (9478196)

5.35 Neighbours (n. (Tr. (825863)) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (283) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (863)

7.00 A Question of Sport (T) (2270) 7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck Report on the continuing dangers of white asbestos still used in building material (T) (937) 8.00 EastEnders Peggy letts Pat her worst

tears (T) (6318) 8.30 Mrs Merton and Malcolm Silcom with Caroline Aheme (4/6) (T) (5825) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News. Weather (T) (7641)

9.30 CHOICE Jailbirds New docusoap tracing life in a women-only prison (1/10) (T) (93270)



Under fire: Juan Antonio Samaranch. President of the IOC (10pm)

10.00 Panorama Gavin Hewit investigates how far the Olympic ideal has been tarn-ished by the alleged use of performance-

10.40 Animal Police Stephanie puls cals out of their miser. (D) (853) (5) 11.10 Harbour Lights (i) (T) (797224) psychiatrist is pursued by international spies after thems. 12.05am The President's Analyst (1967) A

James Coburn, Directed by Theodore 1.40 Weather (1231210) 1.45 BBC News 24 (68359561)

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7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: Dam Children's BBC Breakfast Show: .
Pingu (7417028) 7.05 Teletubbies (9782886) 7.30 Snorks (8362641) 7.50 Blue Peter (3470912) 8.20 Taz-Mania (5066202) 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts (1016950) 8.50 Romueld the Rendeer (1012134) 9.00 Space Ark (7634950) 9.10 Short Circuit (4366825) 9.30 Whiting and Pictures (8755931) 9.45 Storytime (9756195) 4.00 Space Ark (7634950) (8750486) **10.00** Teletubbles (72931) **10.30** Words and Pictures (9295660) 10.45 Walch (9290115) 11.00 Look and Read (3211660) 11.20 Zig Zag (3168660) 11.40 Landmarks (6549641) 12.00 Job Bank (4089009) 12.10pm History File (5251738) 12.30 Working Lunch (29776) 1.00 Romuald the Reindeer (68935080)

1.10 War Walks (r) (T) (41773776) 1.40 Hart-Davis on History (35699931) 2.10 Awash with Colour (56459080) 2.40 News; Weather (T) (3203370) 2.45 Match of Their Day (T) (4680844) 3.25 News; Weather (T) (4730196)

3.30 The Village (r) (9487028) 3.55 Kaye (9495047) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (6174592) 4.55 Esther (T) (5159573)

5.30 Whose House? New game show, in which celebrities make investigations to track down the true occupants of a house. Hosted by Ross Kelly (912) 6.00 Hit, Miss or Maybe (r) (T) (130573)

**6.15 The Simpsons** (r) (T) (766912) 6.40 The Ren and Stimpy Show Double-bill of surreal antics (r) (T) (639554) 7.00 Internal Affairs Glimpse into the world of greyhound racing (T) (8912)

7.30 Rough Guide to the World Dimitri Doganis and Edith Bowman try to avoid the tourist traps of Japan (T) (689) 8.00 Disaster Reconstruction of the homfic Severn Tunnet rail crash of December 7,

1991 (T) (7660) 8.30 Food and Drink (T) (3467)



Phil Davis, Ray Winstone and Mark Strong don their togas (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE Births, Marriages and Deaths Josh's inlimacy with Becky forces Molly reluctantly to the identity of his father (4/4) (T) (9757) 10.00 If I Ruled the World (88931)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (534689) 11.15 Tribe The tensions within a group of competitive Jewish gris (175009) 11.45 Bitesize Britain (T) (215467)

11.55 Weather (6346-11) 12.00 Despatch Box (40061)

12.30am BBC Learning Zone: Open University The Palazzo Publico 1.00 Crossing the Border 1.30 Maarten Van Heemskerck 2.00 Schools Seeing Phrough Science 1-5 4.00 Language Make French Your Business Part 2 5.00 Business and Training, Skills for Work 5.45 Open University A Change of Key? 6.10 Scotland in the Enlightenment 6.35 The Impressionist Surface

### 5.30am ITV Morning News (85554)

6.00 GMTV (5753405) 9.25 Trisha (T) (8985134) 10.30 This Morning (T) (44507028) 12.15pm HTV News and Weather (4088370) 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News (T) (4567573)

12.55 Shortland Street (9994283) 1.30 Home and Away Vinnia's secret is revealed (T) (35607950) 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (3598514) 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (T) (8267842) 3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (4739467)

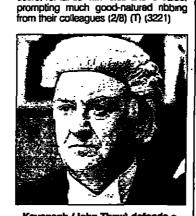
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5.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (5202)
5.30 WEST: Garden Calendar Sue King asks gardening experts Alan and Felicity Down for advice (T) (738)

5.30 WALES: House to House Makeovers in Llandrindod (T) (738) 5.58 HTV Weather (494283) 6.00 HTV News (T) (979)

6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (931) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (806399) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? Anthea Turner tours Tuscany, Lynda Bellingham sees the sights in Minorca, Julian Ballantyne takes a break in Florida and Martin Roberts relaxes in Orkney (T) (2738)

7.30 Coronation Street Tracy goes on a shopping spree (T) (115) 8.00 Who Wants To Be a Millionaire? Ultimate big-prize game show (T) (1486) 8.30 Cop Shop Inspector Clive Ayling gets news about his promotion, and Ross's secret romance with Kristina is revealed.



Kavanagh (John Thaw) defends a

9.00 CHOICE Kavanagh QC A young man charged with kulling his girlfnend is defended by Kavanagh, who frustrated by his client's reluctance to explain what happened (2/4) (T) (3958) 10.30 The Grimleys Geraldine organises a eers talk (T) (91405)

11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (561863) 11.20 HTV News and Weather (T) (430554) 11.30 Fitz Police uncover evidence suggesting 12.25am Football Extra Highlights (4935326) 1.25 World Football (r) (9248993)

2.00 Rio Diablo (1993) An ageing bounty hunter helps a man to track down his bride, who was kidnapped on their wedding day by cutlaws. Western, starring Kenny Rogers and Stacy Keach.

Directed by Rod Hardy (791516) 3.35 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (2758603) 4.35 ITV Nightscreen (46457968)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (15516)

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As HTV West except: 12.20-12.30pm Central News;

12.55 Home and Away (4575592) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4147486) 2.10-2.40 High Road (56486134) 3.15-3.20 Central News; Weather (4738738) 5.30 Shortland Street (738) 6.00-6.30 Central News at Sb; Weather

11.20-11.30 Central News; Weather (430554) 4.30am Central Jobfinder '99 (4581535)

5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (3373622) WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.15pm Westcountry News (4088370) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (7241757) 12.55-1.25 Westcountry Lunchtime Live; Weather (4575592

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resemble his former lover, Romantic drama, with John Justin. Directed by Harold French (T) (75204318) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (739)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (844) 4.30 Countdown (T) (3036950)

4.55 Montel Williams Men dating their daughters' friends (T) (5144641) 5.30 Pet Rescue Presented by Wendy Turner and Mark Evans (T) (680) 6.00 Roseanne As the family struggle to cope with the death of her father, Roseanne is

left to console the others and make the funeral arrangements (r) (T) (221) 6.30 Hollyoaks Tony tries to impress (T) (573) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (664282)

7.55 Bodyscapes Why people sweat in moments of anxiety (T) (924554) 8.00 To the Ends of the Earth The anthro-pologist Tudor Parfitt uses genetic research to determine whether Africa's Lemba tribe are of Jewish descent, as

they claim (1) (5399) 9.00 CHOICE Cutting Edge Compelling portrait of the gun (1) (8863)



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10.00 The Outsiders (1983) A techager from the wrong side of the tracks leads a high school gang against the town's rich kids. Melodrama, with Matt Dillon, C. Thomas Howell and Tom Crutse. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola (T) (972221) 11.40 Channel 4 at Chelten iham Preview of

the festival (r) (T) (543757)

12.15am The Calendar (1948) McCallum stars as a racehorse owner with Greta Gynt and Raymond Loveli.
Directed by Arthur Crabtree (9822245) 1.40 Dispatches (r) (T) (2977993)

2.45 Right to Reply (r) (T) (8789516) 3.10 The Client Reggie is assigned to protect a couple from an enraged family member out to prevent their forthcoming marriage (r) (8570429) 4.00 Schools

#### CHANNEL 5 6.00am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport

and business (1804450) 7.00 WideWorld Part 17. Projects bringing education to the people (r) (T) (8927863)

7.30 Milkshake! (2459689) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (4438318) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (2644641)

8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (2643912) 9.00 Was it Good for You? (r) (2466739) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (4203660) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (3736919) 10.20 Sunset Beach Meg confronts Ben (T)

11.10 Leeza (8460711)

12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (2654028) 12.30 Family Affairs Pele gets comeuppance (r) (T) (1025950) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Jessica is

urged to tell Dylan about the rape (T) (8926134) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertainment show; 5 News Update (1024221)

2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (9903950) 2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, incorporating real-life soap Liverpool Murris, Eric Knowles with Selling the Family Silver and word game Cryplogram; 5 News Update (1518738) 3.30 Codename: Dancer (TVM 1987) A schoolteacher returns to her former career as a government agent to rescue

reer as a government agent to rescue an American soy held hostage in Cuba. Thriller, starring Kate Capshaw. Directed by Buzz Kulik (T) (3832455)

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hi-tech vigitante and his interactive car. David Hasselhoff stars (r) (9981738) 7.30 Natural Passions Documentary charting the work of bush patrols to eradicate poaching and the international trade in rare species (T); 5 News Update (2234467)

minimalist garden in Leicestershire (6/14) (T) (9990486)

8.30 Animal ER Keith Cutler performs an emergency Caesarean on a cow, while Margaret Goddard is visibly shocked by a neglected dog brought in for treatment (5/6) (T); 5 News Update (9902221)

9.00 An Occasional Hell (TVM 1996) A policeman-turned-college professor falls back on his investigative skills to hunt a colleague's killer - and is disturbed to find all evidence pointing towards the dead man's wife. Thriller, starring Tom Berenger, Valeria Golino and Robert Davi. Directed by Salorne Breziner (T); 5 News Update (81002405)

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water supply (r) (84095196) 12.45am Live and Dangerous Action from the Winter X Games (65005719) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H Lou faces a charge of accessory to murder (7938790)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (8546697)

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# BUSINESS

INTEREST 45 Base rates fall not over, says Roger Bootle



**BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft** 

MONDAY MARCH 15 1999



### **Utilities** in London face road-up fine

ENGINEERS and legal experts at the Corporation of London will meet tomorrow to consider measures to combat the long-running traffic chaos in the City caused by endless roadworks carried out by utilities (Martin Waller writes).

The meeting has been brought forward by the Lord Mayor, Lord Levene of Portsoken, who is keen to see the Corporation given new powers to co-ordinate such roadworks and keep disruption to a mimimum.

This week a Private Member's Bill from Christopher Fra-ser. Conservative MP for Mid-Dorset and North Poole, which would give local authorities power to fine utilities who overrun time limits, again goes before the House of Commons. Last Friday the Bill failed to gain a second reading.

But Lord Levene has asked the Corporation to look at other ways of cutting the number of holes dug in the City's roads. The record is thought to be held by Bishopsgate, which, over a three-year period, was dug up 333 times.

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## Rover offered £200m in aid for productivity

RENAULT MAY BEVERSE WYD N

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR AND CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Government will tomorrow offer BMW, the German carmaker, an unprecedented £200 million aid-for-productivity deal to save Rover's troubled Longbridge plant and up to 10,000 jobs.

Amid rising optimism that the plant's long-term survival can be safeguarded, Stephen Byers, the Trade Secretary, is preparing to tell the company's top officials that substan-tial state aid is available — but that it must be matched by a big investment by BMW (up to El billion) and that govern-ment help will be tied to increased efficiency.

Mr Byers will propose that while some of the £200 million government money will be

RENAULT, the French car manufacturer, is to purchase a 40 per cent stake in Nissan for about £2.6 billion this week, according to Asahi Shimbun, the leading Japanese finan-

cial newspaper (Caroline Merrell writes).

A deal with the troubled Japanese carmaker would push Renault into the big league. It would become the fourth-biggest car company in terms of output, ahead of Volkswagen and DaimlerChrysler. Renault is number ten worldwide in terms of car output, well behind Nissan, which is ranked sixth. But Nissan's debts and losses, coupled with its

shrinking market capitalisation, gave Renault a chance to forge a global alliance in which it would not be a junior partner.

"A company like Honda is worth three or four times Renault. The likelihood of a balanced alliance would be slim. We need someone who's looking for a deal," said Louis Schweitzer, Renault's chairman, last week. A key issue is Nissan's debt load — \$17 billion (£10 billion) at the end of 1998. The money from Renault would be used to reduce debt and finance a restructuring. Renault would ask for three seats on the board.

out" for a failing company and paid in instalments over a fiveyear period and will be dependthat any government assistent on the company showing ance is clearly targeted. that productivity is increasing. The Government is expected to finalise its package today, which will include direct gov-The workers at Longbridge

have already backed productivity improvements: the Govpaid up front, the rest will be ernment is looking to the company to invest in skills training and plant redesign. If BMW agrees to the deal --

and ministers are optimistic that it will - it will be presented by the Government as a "new Labour solution". It will emphasise that it is not a "bailfor Rover and the Government will take place in Munich on Thursday, when BMW's supervisory board meets to make a decision. The date is the fifth anniversary of the £800 mil-

ernment money, some from the European Union, and lolion purchase of Rover. Ministers hope that the deal cal authority and training and will be enough to persuade the company to go for Rover and Tomorrow and on Wednesto reject a rival Hungarian ofday there are expected to be fer. The Government of the lathigh-level contacts between the ter is believed to be offering Government and BMW to distax breaks and flexible working patterns to BMW. Within the company there are signs cuss the Government's proposthat the damage to BMW's reputation that would result from a decision to wind down the main Rover plant is likely tip the scales in favour of Britain. However, Tony Blair has been anxious to counter the im-

pression that Labour is an easy touch for flagging indus-tries, hence the insistence on increased productivity.

BMW has suggested during talks that the factory will need to produce 500,000 vehicles a year to be viable in the long-term. The company has already poured more than £2 billion into the ailing plant over the past eight years. Joachim Milberg, BMW's new chief executive, is believed to favour keeping Longbridge open but wants to scale down the level of the investment planned. ☐ Ford, the US carmaker, said yesterday that there was no question of it closing its South Wales plant or shedding jobs there. John Gardiner, Ford's spokesman in Britain, was responding to reports that Alun Michael, the Welsh Secretary. was to meet Ford officials in

## Deloitte & Touche under the microscope

Accountants of England and Wales over its auditing of Capi-tal Corporation, the troubled garning group, which issues full-year results this week.

The Department of Trade and Industry is also under-stood to be interested in the outcome of the investigation. which is being conducted by the Professional Standards Office, after it received a file of complaints about the running of Capital. The investigation is understood to centre on Deloine's auditing of Capital's 1995, 1996 and 1997 accounts. all of which were given unqual-

all of which were given unqualified audit reports.

During this period the running of Capital — best known for its Crockfords easino in Mayfair — has been the subject of a great deal of controversy, with allegations of gaming fraud, petty theft and lack of controls. There was also concern about the fact that no accern about the fact that no accern cern about the fact that no accounts were produced by Capi-

tal's pension fund for five years. There was also an unscemly row over whether the company should have issued a profit warning in October 1996. In the midst of this the company was subject to a hostile takeover hid from London Chubs International, which failed only when the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

mission blocked it.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE, the when it emerged that there accountant, is being investigated were difficulties with the intered by the Institute of Chartered nal controls at Capital Corporation. Deloitte is understood to have asked for a "formal note of undertaking by the Board of Capital Corporation" to address this before it would

sign off the accounts.
This undertaking was given, but many of the problems continued. The then chief executive, Kenneth Thompson, commissioned external re-ports from Price Waterhouse, the accountant, Network Security, the private detective, and Andrew Tottenham, a gaming expert. These inquir-ies found a series of problems with both the running of the company and the checks being made by Deloitte.

In October 1996 Mr Thompson was taken ill. While he was away from the company. it became clear that the group's profits would fall well below City expectations.

However, after a meeting of the board and its advisers which included Hambros, the merchant bank, and Deloitte
— it was decided that a profits warning would not be issued. Though not at the meeting. Mr Thompson argued that this was the wrong thing to do. The 1996 results appeared in March 1997. The accounts were not qualified despite many of the issues highlighed in the 1995 audit not having

been fully addressed.



Capital Corporation was best known for its Crockfords casino

## Insurers' pension fear may cost City billions

ed terms. The crunch meeting

enterprise council grants.

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

THE City is facing the loss of billions of pounds of revenue as insurance companies, fearful of another mis-selling scandal, stop selling personal pension plans that fail to match the Government's new stakeholder criteria.

Some firms are so concerned about the consequences of recommending unsuitable products that they are preparing a moratorium on the sale of long-term regular premium pensions with high un-front charges.

They are afraid that when the cheap, simple stakeholder pension is introduced in two years' time, some of the old-style plans will be exposed as unjustifiably expensive. A number of firms are intending to concentrate on single-premium pension plans to avoid becoming embroiled in further accusations of mis-selling.

dustry of the two-year delay could be billions of pounds. Companies sold \$1.1 billion worth of new regular premium contracts in 1995, plus 5507 mil-lion of additions to existing pol-

single-premium plans. The Association of British Insurers, the industry's trade body, has unofficially told

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members to consider the charging structure of the pensions they are selling.

Tony Baker, deputy director-general of the ABI, said: "We have told companies that they should be careful about selling any products with high initial charges, transfer penalties, or where customers will have to pay twice for advice. "Making these judgments is

regular premium contracts may not be sold in the next two

Insurers are desperate not to repeat the mis-selling scandal of the 1980s and 1990s that could eventually cost the industry 522 billion. As a result, some have decided to concentrate on single-premium products or the new individual savings account (Isa) instead. In response to industry concerns, the Financial Services Authority (FSA) is pre-paring to issue guidelines within the next few weeks.

An FSA spokeswoman said: The guidelines will say that if insurance companies think a stakeholder pension would be more suitable for a client, then they should not sell them longterm products with high frontend charges. It is a warning shot across the bows because prevention now is better than having to find a cure later."

### EU tax back in spotlight

Detroit amid fears that up to

300 Bridgend jobs were at risk.

By MARTIN WALLER

THE meeting of European finance ministers in Brussels today will again consider the socalled "withholding tax". a measure proposed by the Euro-pean Commission as part of moves towards tax harmonisation. Critics say it could cost up to 110,000 jobs in the City. Financial institutions in London have urged Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, to use his power of veto to block the

measure, but this is thought urdikely at today's meeting.
The Treasury has said it will not sanction any move that would harm London as an international financial centre. but it has stopped short of condemning the tax outright. Its critics fear that finance ministers will eventually arrive at a compromise with a watereddown version of the tax, perhaps in exchange for a greater opening-up of continental financial services markets.

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## OEF predicts deeper recession

By Alasdair Murray **ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT** 

THE manufacturing recession has yet to take its full toll of the growing services sector and could push the country into a deeper downturn than the Treasury is expecting, a leading economics think-

Oxford Economic Forecasting said that declining manufacturing output would have a knock-on effect on the demand for services, with transport and support services especially under threat. The warning comes despite growing hopes in the markets that Britain's economy is on course for a soft landing. The tax-cutting element

Analysts are eagerly awaiting the publication of the minutes from the last Mone-tary Policy Committee meeting later this week for clues as to whether the Bank of England's decision to leave rates on hold merely reflected a pause or signalled a halt to the Bank's rate-cutting spree. The MPC's views on the Budget arithmetic

Prospects, however, that interest rates will still fall by at least another half point by the summer, and with inflation expect-

ed to fall below target later this year could be reduced even further.

growth, leaving the country in a technical recession. Manufacturing output will slump by L4 per cent this year and will services sector.

However, the report adds that with only about 10 per cent of services turnover directly related to sales to the manufacturing sectors, the more painful impact is likely to come indirectly through a substantial rise in manufacturing unem ployment denting consumer confidence.

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of last week's Budget has even led some analysis to speculate that interest rates have now reached the bottom of the cycle.

tank predicts today.

are likely to prove especially crucial to the immediate outlook for rates. OEF argues in its latest UK Industrial

Overall economic growth will slide to just 0.4 per cent this year with the first two quarters likely to see negative have a strong dampening impact on the

